

Bread & Roses

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"They just don't want to work."

That's right, we want less of wage-slavery. The bosses with their long, luxurious holidays and 3-hour lunches always get indignant at this. When they work long hours (knowing they can take plenty of time off once the pressure is off) it's because they're doing their thing.

We want to do our thing, whether it's our own private work or recreation or just loafing.

We don't want a 35-hour week and longer holidays just to cut down on unemployment, though that matters too.

We want them because we just bloody well don't want to work so hard for them.

COMPETITIVE

The CBI says that if we get more time off industry won't

be competitive.

Competitive with whom? The Japanese, who treat their workers like slaves?

LIFE

The T&GWU say: "Increased leisure time, bringing with it greater enjoyment of life, more opportunities for education and development of abilities and interests, and better family life, is a principal aim of trade unionism."

If the bosses don't like it, let them work harder.

100 HOURS

Don't forget that some people work a hundred-hour week: those who are raising young children.

Mainly it's women who do it. In more modern households, the father helps—and the

35 HOUR WEEK, LONGER HOLIDAYS, AND SHARED CHILD-CARE NOW

work for both is still almost endless. Single parents of either sex have no-one to help.

But whosoever does it, in this society those people have no holidays. No sick leave. No weekends. And most of the time, not even any evening.

This is oppression too. The TUC doesn't mention it, but we do.

DEMANDS

To a great extent, industrial demands are relevant to it. Shorter hours can make more time available for shared child-care. Higher wages can give people the chance to set up their own nurseries or communal households without state control.

Giving a parent paid leave to care for children when their partner at home was ill would be an important gain.

LIFE-STYLE

It's just bourgeois, blinkered idealism to think that wage-slaves can entirely change their

life-style by thinking the right thoughts.

But even within the confines of capitalism, and while

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fighting for freedom from wage-labour, we can try, as friends, trade unionists, anarchists, socialists, and/or feminists, to share what leisure there is for the working class as a whole.

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BALES TOURS

scotland & argentina

No, this isn't a report of the match that never was, but a reminder of the things which the new world cup holders and the tattered remnants of Ally's Army have in common.

Both Scotland and Argentina are overwhelmingly working class countries.

Both have long traditions of class struggle.

Both have economies largely dominated by international companies. In fact, it's the same companies.

In both countries a tiny handful of people own vast tracts of land while the majority of the population are herded into the cities.

The Vestey family own 50,000 acres in Sutherland.

The same family made their fortune by exploiting the Argentinian workers.

These similarities are more important than our differences.

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the cost of economy

In the past four years, the average real wage has fallen by £5.20. One of the main reasons for this is the rise in food prices: according to the *Guardian*, in the inflation since the last war "... the price of the biggest item in a family's budget—food—rose more fiercely than the rest."

So it's not surprising that working-class people should be subjected to a lot of propaganda these days to the effect that we can manage to eat well if only we take various experts' advice on economising.

They plainly have the idea that the average housewife sails into a shop, grabs whatever she fancies off the shelves, then gets home and says in pretty

bewilderment "Where has all the money gone?"

None of them has ever followed me around as I walk with my nose in the shopping list, muttering "2p saved on marg—5p lost [budget exceeded due to price rise or cheapest brand sold out] on tea—net loss 3p—7p saved on bread [deliberate overprediction to raise morale]—net gain 4p."

How do they think poor people survive anyway, if not by stringent economising?

"EXPERTS"

One letter from a dietician said there's nothing wrong with poor families living on baked beans, baked beans are very nutritious.

Another "latest scientific discovery" coming coincidentally in an era when families can't afford balanced diets, is that we don't really

need a balanced diet, that's just an old-fashioned dogma: anything will do as long as we get enough of it.

In another article a fashion model tells how she lives on some ridiculous sum by eating a pulse-based diet. Trouble is (as some letters point out, confirmed by a friend who, like me, is a vegetarian) she doesn't eat enough to keep a bird alive.

And a Sunday supplement feature shows three consumer experts each posing in front of their suburban homes, who discuss how they manage to shop on £5 a week less than I need as an absolute minimum.

"IT'S FOR THE CAT"

Sometimes the economy experts "advise" you not to buy the more expensive cuts of meat, since liver etc are just as nutritious.

I have news for them—I never even see the expensive cuts of

meat as food anymore; my eyes just register them as window-dressing along with the plastic parsley and the pictures of Raewyn Blade.

Truth to tell, many of the cuts they define as cheap, such as shoulder of lamb, I define as expensive. The last time I went into the butchers I bought some of this and some of that and he said: "Which is for you and which is for the cat?" "It's all for the cat—I buy our own meat elsewhere," I said (or wished I had afterwards).

That's only one problem with cheap shopping—you need a hard neck. Shopkeepers don't like poor people and they let you know it, with comments like "Anything else for you today?" and "How about some cheap apples for the children?"

And when a kid is clamouring for some bit of sweet rubbish, shopkeepers are fond of "giving" it to

her or him in a pitying manner so that you're forced to pay for it.

WHO'S INADEQUATE?

All the economy advice makes you feel very inadequate, and that's what it's supposed to do.

Apart from conveying the idea that you're not buying food wisely enough, it implies the subtler idea that if you can eat on £25 a week or whatever, you should therefore be able to live on that.

You don't really need beer or books or television or fares to visit

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economy...

difficult times, when we're all having to make sacrifices.

Well, here's a list of questions to ask yourself when some economy expert makes you feel inadequate.

1. Are there any hidden expenses in the expert's scheme?

Does it require a car? storage space? cash outlay?—three big expenses in bulk-buying, which is so often suggested as the basis of household economy.

Food co-ops are a good idea for social as well as financial reasons, but if you're not in the car-owning class yourself you may not be on close enough terms with anyone who is, to start a food co-op with them.

When you're really broke, you can't even afford the large economy size, let alone bulk-buying.

The poor always have to practice "false economy"; they have no choice.

Does it require a freezer or a refrigerator?—Believe it or not, some people—for example, 52% of adults on supplementary benefit—can't afford a refrigerator.

Does it require land for growing-your-own? At £1000 per acre—the last price I saw as an average for arable land, and that was some months ago—"self-sufficiency" is bloody expensive.

2. Is it practical for those with young children?

When you have young children, you are more economically crippled than at any other time, because of inability to earn anything: even if you go out to work, the cost of child care eats it all up, and in that case anyway you have to depend on evening or lunchtime shopping which absolutely rules out economy.

Yet children make cheap shopping very difficult. You can't go too far afield with a buggy to push or load onto a bus: double buggies and large prams won't go onto a bus at all.

And even if you were infinitely self-sacrificing in the cause of thrift, you couldn't expect babies or toddlers to endure patiently a three-hour trudge to buy every loss-leader in town.

3. Does it allow for family tastes?

It's no use serving up a lovely macrobiotic meal costing 50p if your husband is going to stalk out and spend £1 on a plate of swill in a cafe.

And there are few criticisms as crushing as a child looking down at the plate and saying matter-of-factly "I don't like it".

Are you really going to ask your kids to go without squash or cocoa just because they're not essential to nutrition? Are you going to mutter something about economy when your child's friend complains, "Kevin never has any biscuits in the house"?

Even if you cut out sweets for health reasons, children are always going to want some "reward" foods which by definition are outside the range of ordinary shopping. Sadly, the healthier treats like nuts, raisins, strawberries, melons, are much more expensive than sweets.

4. Finally, does the suggested diet give you enough to eat?

I've already mentioned the macrobiotic model who ate like a mouse. And if you've ever been in hospital and tried to live on just 3 square means a day plus 2 cups of cocoa, you've realised how dependent you are on extra snacks.

If you're not overweight, you need that extra food. Yet all the economy diets I've seen have been based on the assumption that you eat nothing but breakfast, lunch and dinner.

"But everyone knows that people in the West eat too much—we should get used to less, when some people are actually starving."

When they close down all the expensive restaurants, do away with butter mountains, and distribute the Queen's income to the hungry, then working-class people might start listening to things like that.

As it is, it's just an insult to tell us that we should eat less than we think we need.

YOUR MONEY OR YOUR LAND

We don't live in an environmentalist's dream world, but in a crowded inconvenient dirty city where you need money to survive.

If you can't manage comfortably by buying the food that's normally available in the local shops, in convenient quantities, at the usual price, then you haven't got enough MONEY and you need to get more either from an employer or from the state.

It's this simple fact that the well-heeled economy experts would like you to forget—and it's going to be like that until every person and every family has their fair share of the thing the food comes from: land.



HOUSEWIVES HEAVEN

I dreamed I went to heaven,
I'm in a grand and stately room,
The queen of heaven's in a house dress,
In her hand she holds a broom.

She says This is Housewives Heaven,
No career girls can get in.
They've had their fun already,
Now yours can begin.

Welcome, all my daughters,
In your coveralls and jeans.
Your clothes shine more brightly
Than any oriental queen's.

She says, Here are your gold medals
Because you raised the human race.
You got up at night to feed it,
Cleaned its bum and washed its face.

You cursed it and you hit it
When it drove you mad,
And then you hugged and kissed it
Because you felt so bad.

You see how clean the place is
Now that all your cleaning's done.
Come sit down on the cushions,
Drink and smoke and have fun.

You see the feast is ready
Now that all your cooking's through.
It's spread out on the table
And it's all just for you.

There are no babies crying
Now all your mothering is through.
The children are grown up now,
Do what you want to do.

Welcome, all my daughters,
And know your lives are blessed.
Come in, all my daughters,
Come sit down and rest.

FREEDOM VERSUS COMMUNISM

Maggie Thatcher, staunch upholder of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (one of the largest centralised states in the world), supporter of more power for the police and the army, opponent of devolution, friend of big business*, appeaser of Nazi-ism, defender of privilege, has been making noises about the world-wide struggle between freedom and communism.

What free world?

In the "Free world" she includes, besides our own corrupt and class-divided society, that shining example of parliamentary democracy the Italian Republic, and such gems as Rhodesia and Iran.

It is only possible for her to get away with the contemptible and deliberate lie of calling this "freedom" because she compares it, not with REAL freedom, but with the so-called "communist" countries, which if anything are even worse.

Only the overpowering smell of far advanced and maggotty decay from the "communist" countries can cover the stench of Maggie's hypocrisy.

What communism?

Communism is a condition of society in which the means of production and distribution are shared by and under the joint control of all.

There can be no communism without liberty, without the equal sharing of power, since if a powerful elite is formed you have the same old class system all over again.

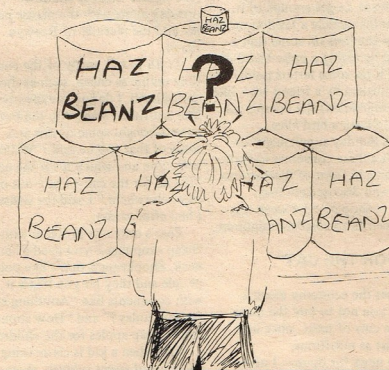
Marxist governments have dragged the name of communism into the sewer. They have to be - will be - overthrown in the world-wide struggle for libertarian communism, along with all the capitalist and fascist regimes.

IN THE STRUGGLE FOR A FREE AND CLASSLESS SOCIETY EVERY GOVERNMENT ON EARTH MUST FALL.

*We almost said "whore of big business", but this would have been a sexist insult to prostitute women.

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ABOUT THIS PAPER

This is the first issue of *BREAD AND ROSES*, the paper of the Anarchist Communist Association. We intend to bring it out monthly for a start, and forward to the daily.

It's called *Bread and Roses* because it had to be called something, and we thought this name said something about our politics. It is taken from the slogan first used during a long and bitter strike of women textile workers in the United States in the earlier part of this century.

At least some of us thought it a good name, or anyway not as bad as some of the others which had been suggested, and those who thought it even worse dropped their objections when it became clear that, after months of arguing, we were in danger of going to press with a blank space where the name should be.

At least we were all agreed about what kind of paper we wanted to produce. Something quite different from the various anarchist, anarcho-feminist, libertarian socialist or Marxist papers which already exist, all of which have a strong middle class bias.

A paper produced by the working class, for the working class.

Of course we would welcome letters from people who have read this first issue and found it interesting.

We would also welcome letters from people who've read this first issue and found it boring. Anything's better than having to write the whole thing ourselves a second time.

We welcome your participation if you like what we are trying to do with this paper.

"Trying" is the right word. Just about everything which could possibly go wrong has done so.

Some of the funds went missing, articles got left on the tube, a couple of us had nervous breakdowns, our sports correspondent has glandular fever with complications (get well soon Bob), and our schools correspondent broke his front tooth in the playground.

So we really do mean it when we say that if you like what we are trying to do we would welcome your letters, articles, cartoons, and so on!

"It's love that makes the world go round" said Alice, in *Through The Looking Glass*.

"No it isn't!" said the Duchess. "It's people minding their own business. And it would go round a great deal faster if everybody minded their own."

The government of South Africa doesn't believe in love. And unlike the Duchess, they don't believe in minding their own business either.

A white man and a coloured (mixed race) woman who have been living together for eight years were recently ordered to part under the Immorality Act, which forbids sex across the colour line.

They were both sentenced to six months in jail, suspended for three years on condition that they don't make love to each other again.

A police sergeant gave evidence that he had gone to their apartment and Erhard Close had opened the door wearing only a pair of trousers. Ruth Reilly had been lying under a blanket in the only bed in the apartment.

Ruth Reilly told reporters "It's a cruel law that can part two people who love each other." Erhard Close said he intended to get an apartment of his own and work until he had enough money for himself and Ruth to leave South Africa.

MELTING POT?

Well of course it's nothing new for the clammy hand of the state to reach into lovers' beds, though South Africa is particularly awful in some ways.

And yet what about this country? Though there is no law against people of different races loving each other, there can be considerable pressure and unhappiness.

There used to be a song a few years ago that went "What we need is a great big melting pot/big enough to take the world and all it's got/keep it stirring for a hundred years or more/we'll have coffee coloured people by the score".

the spice of life

LET'S MAKE SOME COFFEE



This is the dream of some liberals—and the nightmare of the racials.

The truth is probably that if all the hostility which lovers of a different colour have to face could somehow be removed tomorrow, there would be a dramatic increase in coffee coloured people within a few years. But it seems unlikely that we would all be the same shade within a hundred years. You would still get black, and white, and brown, and it seems widely unlikely that all those thousands of millions of Chinese could disappear into the melting pot.

VARIETY

I don't see what's wrong with having different races. On the other hand I'm not a racialist—I don't see anything wrong with *not* having different races. Except of course that if you don't have different races then you reduce variety. But then the whole point of variety is that you can be attracted to somebody different from yourself, which is what the racialists object to. And of course their objection is based on crackpot theories which go

against human nature. The history of the human species is one of variety and cross-fertilisation.

South Africa has a very large "coloured" population. There are nearly as many people of mixed race as there are whites. Nearly all of them have come from unions between white men—Afrikaaners, not English speakers—and black women. In such relationships the domination of the male was even more blatant than usual, even if the women weren't officially classed as slaves. And you get the peculiarly Afrikaaner combination of randiness and stinking hypocrisy.

That the Afrikaaners are attracted to blacks is undeniable. Two and a quarter million "coloureds" are the living proof of that. So the laws which they pass are intended to suppress their own desires and instincts.

The "coloureds" are in a very awkward position because, although they are an embarrassment, they tend to be treated rather better by the whites than yer actual blacks, and understandably the blacks intend to ensure that when they overthrow white rule it's the blacks who take over.

I'M ONLY HERE FOR DE BEERS

Once, when I was involved in the Campaign Against Racial Discrimination (Islington Branch) I was accused by this black bloke of being a WASP (white anglo-saxon protestant) and a liberal. I pointed out that I was in fact from a white

Celtic Protestant background, and the reason for my involvement was to link up with other working class people to bring about the violent overthrow of capitalism, the government, the forces of law and order, the civil service, the armed forces, and indeed all possible alternative governments, so it seemed a bit misleading to describe me as a liberal.

What I could have added (but thought it wiser not to) was that I found some of the black women in the campaign very attractive.

SEXISM AND RACISM

In this racist society it causes problems if a white man is attracted to a black woman.

In this racist and sexist society it causes more problems if a white woman is attracted to a black man.

Similarly, in the black community, with the memory of slavery handed down through generations, a black man with a white woman can be seen as a conquest. But a black woman with a white man is them taking "our" women again.

As for a black woman and a white woman, or a white man attracted to a black man. . . .

LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR

Racialists always accuse white who oppose racial discrimination of being "nigger lovers", "coon lovers", and so on. And of course in some cases it's true. I've known people of a different colour from myself who I couldn't stand. Equally I've known people the same colour as myself who I liked, and people different from myself who I liked.

As an anarchist who wants the working class to unite and overthrow the present form of society I have a very strong political reason for being friends with people of a different race from myself. But there can also be another reason—because I like them.

In any case you can't really separate "politics" and personal feelings. The basis of our anarchist and libertarian communist politics is friendship, love, solidarity. We shouldn't be afraid to admit the possibility of being attracted to each other.





BRITISH RAIL regret the inconvenience caused to shoppers during track diversions. We hope you will not have to go more than a mile to avoid crossing the line.

Please stand well clear when you hear the whistle.

Punk Off by daddy cool

The trouble with punk rockers is that it's impossible to insult them. If you say their "music" is painful on the ears they take it as a compliment.

I started to wear this "Rock Against Racism" badge to my building site because I thought it one way of opposing some of the mindless prejudice I'd heard expressed there. But when people looked at the badge and said "you must be a punk rocker" I nearly took the thing off

again.

I'm against racism all right. I think it divides the working class. Even working class racists who talk like rebels against society are really just stupid tools in the bosses' game.

And I'm a rocker all right—but not a punk. I'm a *real* rocker. I was rocking in my ted outfit to Bill Haley when he first played "Rock Around The Clock".



magic memories

It's my honest opinion that there has been nothing since 1960 to compare with the genuine original rock 'n' roll.

Little Richard—now *there* was a rocker. And Fats Domino and Gene Vincent on stage singing BeboPalula slower than he does on the record because he's pissed but it still sounds great. And Elvis, the way he was in the early days before the US Army and beach buggy movies and middle aged spread. And Chuck Berry, and the Platters, and Buddy Holly, and Jerry Lee Lewis....

"Punk" rock just isn't in the same

league. I've got nothing against the kids, if they want to wear safety pins through their ears and blow their noses on their sleeves that's their business. But let's face it, which of the "tunes" that are around today are they going to be able to remember in twenty years time and say "that was really something?" I feel sorry for them. I really do. There's no magic in their rebellion.

Anybody want to join me in forming a "Teds Rock Against Racism"? That way I won't get called a punk rocker when I wear a badge that's for rock 'n' roll and against racism.

MY EVICTION

We didn't think they'd come.
We'd heard it was to be today.
They didn't know how we'd react.
We didn't know how we'd react.
But they'd heard we'd have barricades.
So they sent 7 or 8 of their biggest toughs.
They loitered outside waiting for the appointed hour
For us to come clean.
We left the door open.
And we carried on with bated breath
And made some cups of tea and sat down to drink it in the living room.

They walked in uninvited

We sat

They stood

The intimidation began

They threw the armchair against the wall

With my cat in it.

They expected me to react. I didn't.

I picked her up and sat down again.

Sarcastic remarks about the room.

That didn't work either

Silence

The embarrassment of the situation must have crept through their foot-thick skins a tiny bit.

It's our home.

No it's not. They couldn't stand the waiting any more.

They grabbed Dave's arms and legs and threw him out of the front door and down the steps.

My turn next. Less big and not male

My shoulders were grabbed and they shoved me out like a bod tooth extracted from its decaying hole. The cat disappeared terrified.

Who's next.

Jane wasn't in. It was Julie's turn next.

She was asleep in her cot upstairs in my room.

The 'nice' 'friendly' councillor was there to deal with this one. "Now dear go and get her—you don't want her taken into care."

I refused.

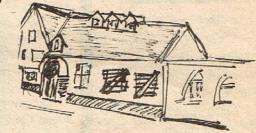
He had to go for her.

She came out screaming in his arms.

The door was padlocked with all our things inside except the pram.

They had finished.

We were evicted.



The Land should belong to Us!

INTRODUCTION TO THIS SERIES.

This is the first of a series of articles on the disappearing or threatened bits of our countryside. In 1978 there is a lot of oil to waste and people who love the land, or work on it even, cannot create the rural life they would like, but when, as must happen, the natural resources of the world have all been squandered, plants will still grow, animals will still live—including some humans.

Or maybe sooner?

Any articles written for this series will be gratefully received by the editors.

HEDGES never used to be the scruffy bushes dotted along the tarmac roads with dotted lines down the middle. Perhaps they won't stay this way much longer.

Mainly put in to keep animals in or out of a field, hedges have been important in keeping the land fertile.

Winds are slowed, often crops get on better with a little shading, but most importantly to us city people is the landscape they make.

Fencing

Fences are used to make a quick barrier, but, also in these days of cheap barbed wire, seem to be the permanent answer for profit-hungry farmers (a hedge *does* take up land).

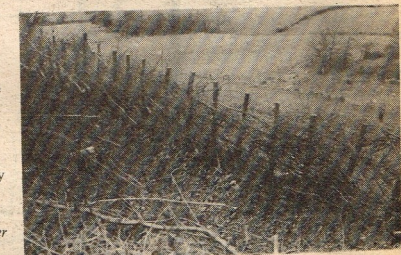
Our hedges today just get butchered once a year—if they are lucky. A blunt ripping cutter on a tractor nips along the field edge and strips it down like a swarm of locusts. *It never used to be this way.*...

Hedge-laying

... and in some places it still isn't.

As you get further from London, and the other big cities, workmen are still skilled in laying their hedges and spend much time before summer gets under way.

Large stakes are cut and knocked into the ground at



intervals of about 60cm. They then take the smaller growth and weave it in and out of the stakes. Larger bits of hedge, if it's been neglected some years, a nick in the base of the branch will enable it to be laid over.

We end up with a slanting bit of large basketwork. It is a strong fence and quite elegant. Each dead patch of hedge is automatically lost in a fresh

hedge—laying.

Most farmers would rather spend on barbed wire than skilled workers, but that's 'agribusiness'. Close down one to two universities or government ministries where thousands of people are wasted and the remaining skilled workers could train-up an army of useful people. I'd love to throw up my job for the work.

the anti-people movement

In May 1977 the *Evening Standard* publicised a State Department move to sterilise a quarter of all Third World women. "In part to protect the interests of American business interests". Its report says:

"If the population explosion proceeds unchecked, said Dr Ravenholt [director of the US Office of Population], it will cause such terrible economic conditions abroad that revolutions will ensue. And revolutions, he suggested, are scarcely ever beneficial to the interests of the United States."

The background is as follows:

"In 1952 David Rockefeller compiled a report for President

Eisenhower which concluded that a rise in the birthrate in the poorer nations would create instability and endanger US access to important resources.

That same year the Population Council was created with Rockefeller money. Its purpose was and is to reduce the birthrate everywhere except in the US, Western Europe, and a handful of similarly enlightened spots.

The complex web of inter-connections exists between the birth control zealots and bankers in the Population Council and the Agency for International Development (AID) at the State Department, which runs the 143 million

dollar a year US population programme."

And Susan George in *How the Other Half Dies* writes:

"It seems fantastically easy to get money for birth-control studies and programmes in Asia whereas research geared to more equitable distribution of food... and the like must go begging." (p. 54) — quote supplied by Women for Life.

COMPULSION

People are horrified at this blatant imperialism without realising that exactly the same mentality is at work directed against the people of industrialised nations. In the US in 1970 the Planned Parenthood World Population organisation published a proposed schedule of anti-children measures such as:

- "Reduce/eliminate paid maternity leave or benefits
- Reduce/eliminate children's or family allowances
- Pensions for women of 45 with less than N children
- Compulsory abortion of out-of-wedlock pregnancies
- Compulsory sterilization of all who have 2 children except for a few who would be allowed 3
- Stock certificate-type permits for children
- Payments to encourage sterilization, contraception and abortion
- Improve maternal health care, with family planning as a core element."

(information from Feminist Women's Health Centre, Los Angeles, cited in *Power of Women* no. 5)

The International Planned Parenthood Federation (with which FPA is affiliated) has its offices in London, and we also have among us Population Countdown, Population Concern, and the Birth Control Campaign. Prince Philip has complained about people being subsidised to breed, by means of tax allowances.

THE PRICE OF PEOPLE

Population Concern recently figured in an exchange in the *Guardian* in which various correspondents weighed up the demographic prospects and compared the cost to

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"society" of having to maintain children and old people respectively. Eric McGraw revealed that the costs are for old people, £5,439,318,000 and for young people £6,356,107,000. Toby Jessel maintained, on the other hand, that the old "cost more to support per head than children".

Unfortunately no-one spoke up in favour of the value of human life at any age: it was all a matter of money. Their approach implied that we live in a subsistence economy with various age groups having to fight over the crumbs. But only among the lower classes are there shortages: redistribution would dispel the myth.

The rationale with which these people cloak their aims is that they want a better quality of life for those who survive their policies. One correspondent writes "young people are voting for this improved quality of life with their contraceptive capacity and will go on doing so until, but only until, the quality of life does improve. They will do this regardless of taxation bribes." The taxation bribes do not actually make families well-off compared to the childless: all the benefits that families get make only a tiny dent in their basic poverty.

As an example of the improved quality of life resulting from fewer people, the government's response to the recent fall in population here has included cutting down on teaching jobs, so that classes are kept at

their former overcrowded levels (due to overpopulation!) and there are more unemployed teachers (due to overpopulation); and cutting down on housing so that there are more homeless people (due to overpopulation) and more unemployed building workers (due to overpopulation).

IT'S ALL OUR FAULT

The anti-people campaigners have various motives: the direct financial ones such as Rockefeller: a fastidious distaste for the noise and dirt of children; the need for a scapegoat for declining middle-class privileges; thoughtless going-along-with a fashionable cause that has some misleading left-wing connotations (birth control = sexual permissiveness and anti-clericalism; overpopulation worries as part of the ecology movement).

But the most powerful and dangerous *objective* effect of their efforts is to demoralise the working class: teaching the poor that poverty is all their fault for breeding. In a government leaflet advertising various means-tested benefits, "Free family planning" comes top of the list. Among 18 pamphlets on display at a London health centre, 7 are about birth control.

Get it right: the birth controllers don't want you to plan your family, except insofar as you're pushed into limiting it to stay within a low income. Mainly they want to plan it.

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WE WELCOME LETTERS ON
THE SUBJECT FROM
PARENTS AND
CHILDREN

statement on terrorism

This is not intended as the start of a dialogue with other revolutionary groups. We feel such dialogue would, quite literally, be a waste of time, as our dialogue should be with the working class, and enough time has already been spent on this statement aimed at people in or around revolutionary groups. The intention is simply to inform about our position.

We have decided it is necessary to speak up on the subject of revolutionary terrorism or urban guerrilla warfare.

We specify *revolutionary* terrorism because of course the Anarchist Communist Association is by its very nature against *state* terrorism, but silence from us on the subject of revolutionary terrorism could be taken as tacit support.

not pacifists



The ACA is not a pacifist organisation. In fact, that revolution will involve us using violence against those who try to stop social change is so basic to our politics that membership of our organisation is positively *barred* to pacifists, even if they agree with us about everything else, and be good active comrades.

But we do recognise (and some of us know from personal experience) the truth of the pacifist claim that, apart from being unhealthy for those on the receiving end, violence has a brutalising effect on those who practice it.

We recognise the truth of this—but we do not draw the pacifist conclusion. Our attitude is that in some circumstances this brutalising effect is to be accepted, perhaps even welcomed, since if you have too much sympathy for the enemy he is going to shoot first and the better world you see won't be this one.

barbaric society



Pacifists say that any society achieved by means which include violence leads not to that mirage 'non-violent revolution' but to de facto acceptance of the present brutal society.

Still, though a thick skin and a strong stomach can be survival traits, where libertarian revolution is concerned we have to consider the moral rights and wrongs amongst the factors which decide us one way or the other about a particular course

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of action (after all it would be strategically unsound not to take this into account). With a fairly thick skin but retaining our humanity we can help to bring about a revolution leading to a society which, though not perfect, within a couple of generations will come to regard us who created it as barbarians (which we are—we are products of *this* society).

middle class



Of the current urban guerrilla groups, the PLO fights against the intrusion of the Israeli state in the affairs of the Palestinian people. They do *not* fight against the Palestinian state which does a similar job. Like comments can be directed at the IRA. Their causes invoke our sympathy but diverge from the continuing class struggle.

And so do the sporadic actions of the Red Army Faction. Although some people who support the RAF express sympathy for anarchism, this does not alter the fact that they are not helping anarchist aspirations.

While having the greatest respect for people's personal courage who are prepared to die for a better

world, we say that their strategy has been, and is, disastrously wrong. Only people alienated from the day-to-day class struggle, alienated from both the strengths and weaknesses of the working class, could believe otherwise, and it is significant just how many come from upper-middle-class backgrounds.

and some of them *will* get arrested, and since this is so the question comes up—what do we do about it?

Our answer is that we cannot devote all our time and energy, or even a large part of our time and energy, to helping them. We will take part (to some extent) in the campaigns on their behalf which are initiated by woolly-minded romantics, vicarious terrorists, and liberals. But that is as far as it goes. The continuing class struggle has to come first.

organise



Though it is of course uncertain just how long the state will allow agitation to continue before it cracks down, and we do have to have some sense of urgency about these things, nevertheless the fact is that there is an enormous amount of work to be done before we are anywhere near a libertarian revolutionary situation.

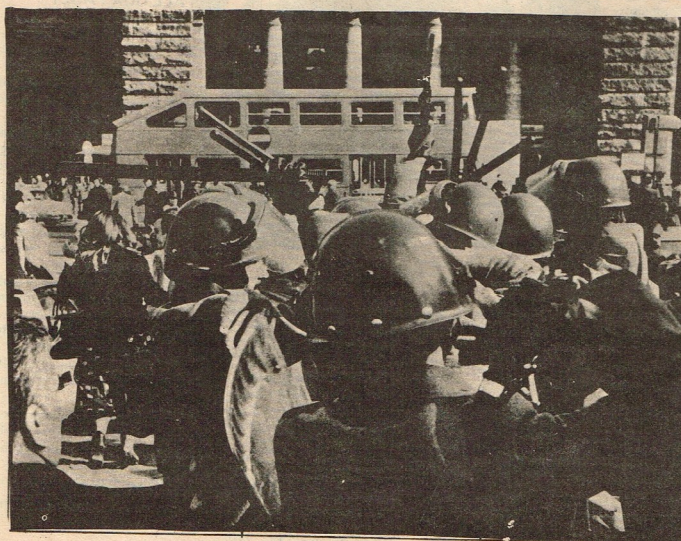
We have to organise, spread propaganda by word and deed, agitate, set an example, and we have to continually assess what we and others are doing and change the way we do things in the light of experience.

We have to prepare ourselves and the working class as a whole for revolution. There are no short cuts, only blind alleys. There is a world to win, and we cannot afford to let ourselves be sidetracked.

our attitude

But there *WILL* be people who believe in revolution but are alienated from the working class, and some of them *will* get involved in disastrously wrongheaded actions,

written oct '77



VIOLENCE IS WHAT THE OTHER SIDE USES!



we just use necessary

force.

Hard work

"Hard work never killed anybody"—or so they say. Personally I don't believe in taking any chances. What about the slaves who built the pyramids of Egypt? Their lives were worth so little that the authorities didn't even bother keeping records of their deaths.

The building trade has changed a bit since those days, for one thing the ruling class has discovered that wage slavery is more efficient than the old fashioned kind.

You often hear site agents etc saying "Rome wasn't built in a day—but then I wasn't foreman on that job".

When the pressure is on to get a job done quickly you start cutting corners, taking chances you wouldn't otherwise take. And even the National Federation of Building Trade Employers have to admit that the number of workers killed in action is too high, and the safety record of the industry is terrible.

EMPLOYMENT CAN DAMAGE YOUR HEALTH

That doesn't mean I'm in favour of UNemployment. I've been on the dole, and while it's okay for a few weeks after that the poverty and waste really start to get you down.

From my point of view employment and unemployment are the two sides of the same coin.



It's because there is such a thing as employment (people selling their ability to work to other people who possess the means to exploit this ability) that there is such a thing as UNemployment (people who for one reason or another the bosses don't want to "employ").

Employment means that somebody whose aim is to make a profit is taking decisions (which you have little or no say in) which affect your health and safety—and making them, usually, without any real knowledge of the actual conditions which you are working in, or the problems which you encounter.

OF COURSE employment damages your health. OF COURSE it would be healthier for you and your fellow workers to take the decisions. That's just plain common sense.

HOW I BECAME A GOOD EMPLOYEE

I have known for years that there is an alternative way of doing things, and that this alternative doesn't exist, CAN'T exist, within the society we have at present.

I reckon (and most people who have worked with me would confirm this) that I'm a pretty good worker. I do a neat job of work as quickly and efficiently as I can.

But because I have this knowledge that we don't have to put up with this present unhealthy way of doing things, because I know it doesn't have to be like that, I haven't been a good employee.

I came in late, I left early, I took days off, and so on.

But now my timekeeping has improved, and it is over three

Confessions of a Work Shy Shop Steward



months since I took a working day off.

HOW TO REHABILITATE THE PERSISTENTLY WORK-SHY

As a shop steward I have to actually be at work. A shop steward who

takes time off is no good to his fellow workers, since it will mean that he isn't around when some dispute or problem arises.

As a shop steward I have to be careful not to give my employers any excuse for victimising me.

So in the purely technical sense I have become a "better" employee.

IT BEATS WORKING

Of course my employees regard me as an agitator, and the site agent has told me I'm a thorn in his side.

And the firm is threatening to close the site down because they're not making enough profit. (It is quite common for building employers to make threats like that. It is rare for them to carry it out.)

Of course we have union meetings during work time. And we are much more critical of dodgy scaffolding and so on. And I spend a lot of time defending workers who aren't as good employees as me.

Every day there is tension and conflict, both with the bosses and with the more "moderate" workers (or firm's men, as some would put it). This can be a drag.

But it sure as hell beats keeping your head down and being a willing slave!

POSTSCRIPT TO THE ABOVE

Since that was written, all hell has broken loose on the site. There have been threats of grievous bodily harm against union members, and there has been actual violence involving the writer, which led to him being sacked—and then reinstated after all the workers (only a minority of them in the union) united in threatening to walk out if he wasn't!

**JUICY
FRUITY
FRESH & CHEAP**

OR how women react to

You've all seen this advert, and chances are you've seen it adorned by graffiti saying SEXIST or THIS DEGRADES WOMEN. What do you think of it? Does it make you feel embarrassed or uncomfortable or do you think it's just another advert? Lyn Mulley asked some women in Graham Avenue, just off Northfield Ave, W13, what they thought of it and its accompanying graffiti. These are some of the answers she got:

Nasty

Gail Clark of 5 Salisbury Road: "Fresh and cheap... cheap's a bit nasty, isn't it?" Did she agree with the graffiti? "It cuts both ways. Women have allowed themselves to be degraded too long—a kind of woman has given us all a bad name and it degrades all women. The cheap bit is very nasty."

orange juice adverts

Judith Barrat, WC1: "I've seen it before without 'This degrades women'. I thought it was like a 50s advertisement but I thought we'd gone beyond that stage. When I saw someone had written 'This degrades women' I thought 'Jolly good!' I had particularly strong feelings about this one. There's a board of censors all adverts have to pass. I think the only reason they got away with it is the 50s thing. It's a real lorry drivers advertisement!"

Lovely

Mrs Catchpole, 34 Belsize Ave: "It's modern and I rather like it. Yet, there certainly are two ways of looking at it, but there's no harm in it. She's like Diana Dors with her blond hair—I think she's lovely."

Mrs Calfe, Eastborn Road, Brentford: "I don't think this degrades

women—it's not very eye catching anyway. I think it's quite flattering. Women's liberation is OK in its place."

Poor Taste

Anon. of Ealing: "I've never really looked at it before, to be quite honest." Did she think adverts like this should be allowed? "I think it should be allowed; we don't want any more laws than necessary—but I don't like it, it's in poor taste really." As for graffiti, "I don't object as long as it's something constructive. I think this will help people to think about it. The advert will probably stop me from buying the orange juice."



Martini

"It doesn't really bother me, to be honest," said Felicity Bartholomew of Graham Ave. "At least it's obvious. The ones that get me are the Martini adverts that make out there's a beautiful life for you if you drink Martini. I feel they are morally wrong—a lot of people never achieve that. The soap powder ads really annoy me, the ones that make all these fantastic claims."

What did she think about the graffiti? "They should do it if that's how they feel. If they feel like that, perhaps I should too."

But another 'Anon' said of the graffiti: "Probably a child's done that. Shouldn't think a woman has any way!"

* Lorry drivers stand up—you're not all pigs, are you?

TYPESET BY
RYE EXPRESS
01-693-4398

We all know that energy is going to be a big problem in this country from now on. But who is it who's going to be asked to save?

Not the motorists—a DoE spokesman has admitted that his department feels "defeated" by the power of motoring pressure groups, and it was only with difficulty that the government managed recently to get new cars even labelled in petrol consumption.

On the other hand, television showed two schoolgirls receiving a "Save It" award for saving £12,000 by turning off lights in their school.

All very well, but not when offered as an example to people struggling with rising power bills.

Heating is among the necessities of life whose costs have risen faster than the cost of luxuries since 1970. And the government is considering "charging for energy, whereby household total energy consumption over a norm is charged at a higher rate" (Watt Committee report, June 1977).

What's the norm—freezing point? 2.5 children? I predict a boom in the sale of pullovers once the "Save It" campaign gets into full swing.

MEANS TESTS

Experts estimate that "If and when energy is retailed at an economically self-financing cost, further assistance to [the elderly, poor and ill] will obviously be necessary."

In theory, the welfare state taking care of everyone. In practice, more means tests and more cut-offs.

As the Supplementary Benefits Commission itself comments (quoted in Socialist Worker) "... there will always be some people, ... who fail to manage on their weekly allowances, ... and they or their children may then be found some wintry day virtually without clothes, food, or fuel. ..."

SAFETY

In the matter of safety, too, cars get priority. "Keep the under-fives indoors", the television advert admonishes us, with a horrifying sketch plainly placing the blame on a mother who has stopped to chat with a neighbour instead of keeping

People Lie Down Under Cars



of our way to a zebra to get across the street.

"I can't work, I have to take my daughter to college every morning."

When I was 5 I went to school by myself—everyone did, it wasn't a constant lookout for children going near the road. Or the earlier

one, "Better under your feet than under a car".

And we just take it for granted that when shopping we'll have to push the pram a block or two out a sign of parental neglect.

But when my own oldest child was 5 we had to mount a campaign for a crossing after one of his class-



mates was knocked down by a car when starting home alone. And of course some people blamed the parents.

Nowadays you have to ask yourself at what age a child's need and capacity for independence can be allowed to overcome the perpetual terror of cars.

CARS AND CLASS

Lower-income people don't get the benefit of cars—but they do get more of the danger. Working-class children are 5 times as likely to be killed on the roads as professional-class children.

So cars aren't just an environmental issue, but also a class issue. We live in peril from them, and pay crippling fuel bills, or live in the cold and dark, to subsidise their consumption of energy.

And the motoring lobbies, car manufacturers and oil companies have a vested interest in seeing that we go on doing so.

Collaborators

Collaborators. Many British people would eventually have come to terms with Nazi Germany had this country been over-run.

That was part of the message of the three-part serial "An Englishman's Castle" shown on BBC2 in June. A serial set in the present—but a 1978 in which Germany had successfully invaded us in 1940, (And presumably neither Russia nor America had entered the war.)

The British police would have been just as ready to enforce Nazi "law and order" as any other kind. (This was proved in the Channel Islands which were over-run: the British police *did* collaborate.)

WRITTEN FROM EXPERIENCE

Mind you, all the action of this telly series took place in the hot-house atmosphere of producing a telly series called "An Englishman's Castle"! Written from experience you might say.

Kenneth More played the producer—good war record up to 1940, fought with the resistance until 1947, then when Churchill was killed and the Germans declared a general amnesty he handed in his cricket bat, said to the Germans "Well done chaps, you won and we lost, only a game, what", and went into television.

Isla Blair played his much younger and secretly Jewish girl friend who first gets him in the new resistance. This resistance is much more serious than the little anti-German terrorist group which none too successfully bombs the fashionable restaurant where the two lovers dine.

BRITONS STRIKE HOME

In the third part of the serial Kenneth More's role in the resistance is explained to him. He is to give the signal on television for the great patriotic uprising to start. Code phrase—"Britons strike home".

Isla Blair explains that when he gives the signal there will be a general strike, the electricity workers will seize the power stations, the miners take over the mines. "And what about the rest of us?" asks More. She replies that "the rest of us" just have to grab whatever weapons we can and help the workers.

This was the only time that we even heard of the existence of a working class who are presumably not as ready to put up with the Nazis as the people the hero knows.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE CLASS STRUGGLE?

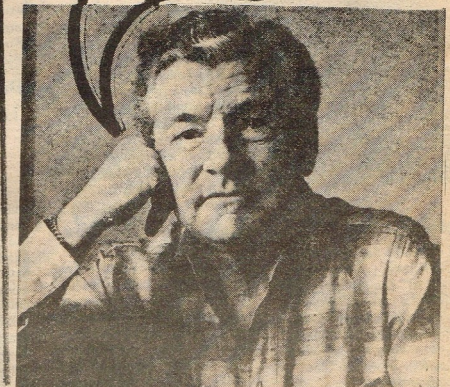
The picture which is presented is a strange one. People are well off, can afford to eat at expensive restaurants, and they don't talk about what happened to the Jews.

The terrorist groups are simply anti-German. They aren't actually FOR anything positive. Unlike what actually happened in France, Italy, Yugoslavia, and so on, there isn't a "left wing" resistance. The real resistance which More joins is simply more effectively anti-German.

Could it have happened like this? The answer has to be "No". There can be, and in many parts of the world today is, a purely nationalistic resistance to colonialism.

But there can't be a purely nationalistic resistance to Nazism. The only resistance which makes sense is one based on the class struggle.

an englishman's castle



oxygen machine in Tokyo

MENTAL Health



getting clear

Getting Clear: Body work for women by Anne Kent Rush. Wildwood House, 29 King Street, London WC2E 8JD. £3.95

This is a very expensive book but very helpful. What it is, is relaxation exercises plus some verbal psychological exercises such as having an imaginary conversation with someone in your life.

As the subtitle indicates, the physical exercises are more important. I found they did more for my state of "mind" than 10 years of costly and degrading chit-chat with psychotherapists. So maybe the book isn't so expensive.

Mind you, there are people making money out of bodywork too, and even though some of the helpful things in this book are derived from the trendy quack "disciplines" (a quack being a quack whom the state refuses to define as a medical practitioner) that wouldn't incline me to start combing the small ad columns of Time Out in search of the best one to give my money to.

rip off

I have a friend who tried an Encounter group, paying them £2 per session, and after a while they told him he was coming on very well and could now have the honour of taking a more advanced course—at

£6 per session.

The do-it-yourself approach is best both for your purse and for your self-respect.

You have to be alone to do the exercises (except for a few which are specifically done with other people), so if you are in crowded housing and/or have young children it will take some managing. Both things are true of me and I manage it. You've got to be prepared to ask for help, and to take your own mental health seriously enough to feel that you *deserve* the time to look after it.

There's so much of the attitude that emotional problems, especially women's emotional problems, are just a nuisance or a joke.



review

The author encourages the reader to make up her own exercises, and here's one that I've made up:

WELL SEE YOU THEN - CAN'T STOP OR I'LL BE LATE FOR MY MEETING



Freaking Out

Sit on the floor. Decide what negative emotion you want to deal with. If you're in a state of acute stress over something, you'll have no trouble deciding. Otherwise decide what thing is nagging at you the most.

So you've decided: fear, rage, defeatedness, worry, guilt... Make the sound that expresses it. For example, a whimper, or a growl. Those are very obvious sounds, and you'll find that along with them there are a lot of more subtle ones.

Keep on making all the noises that let it out. If you feel tense in your throat, shoulders, back of your

head, etc, let the noises come from there.

Let the feeling take over. Thrash about, make faces.

It may seem like a performance, but once you start you'll find it's very real indeed—stunning, to realise that you were keeping that much in.

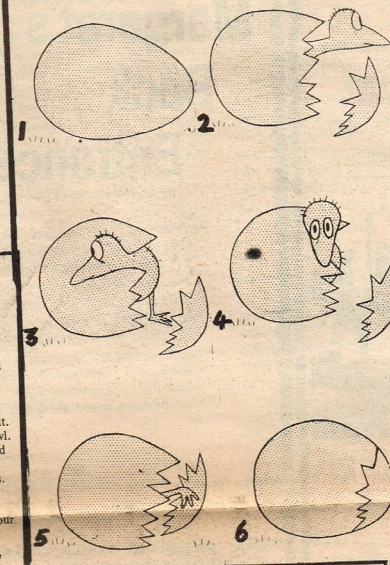
In case you're worried about noise, it isn't as noisy as you think. But of

course you do have to be alone in order to be uninhibited.

It isn't pretty. It's not a romantic mad scene. It's real madness, only self-induced for the sake of health, like an inoculation.

Afterwards you feel purged and ready to cope. Take some deep breaths and calm down before leaving the room.

Mother Earth



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Lots of people, lots of problems.
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- * Knowledge of concrete overcoats?
- * A history of Grievous Bodily Harm with no convictions?
- * No quibbles about a honest living?
- * A meaty build and a love of heavy boots?

then sign up today!

Sign a contract you can't refuse!

Sign today!

**The kind of job
you CAN'T
Refuse**

PHANTOM of the PIPE

Ignoring the shrill jubilant shout of the guy in Cell 9 who's gettin' out I turn on my pillow and feign I'm free and hope they lose the bastard's key

It's nearly eleven on a Saturday night and the guests of 'B' Wing start the fight to see who'll be first to do me brain an' slowly drive me mind insane

The singing and shouting and goddam row slowly subsides without even a bow 'Relieved I turn over an' try ta snooze but the phantom of the pipe starts tapping the blues

The monotonous tune is always the same in music I don't think it's got a name Once it's started it don't stop till morning that crazy musician's so goddam boring



£10,000 to kindly animal trainer

£10,000—that's what animal defence groups are offering to anyone who can show how circus animals can be trained without using cruelty. *It has never been claimed.*

THE WHOLE PICTURE



Note the strained muscles and weight of the intestines on the heart. This photograph, taken in England, shows an elephant being trained for one of our best known circuses. When the picture appeared in the press, it was *minus* the trainer and his whip and goad.

The Performing Animals Defence League obtained and published the whole picture, and a large number of people demanded that the Home Secretary should take action—without result.

Do you think an elephant would stand on its head if you asked it to—*nicely*?

This happens in Britain nearly every day.

The circus owners state that their animals are only induced to do what they do naturally anyway.

The fact is, there are no elephants in the jungle standing on their heads, and there never will be.

Nor will they balance like this for sweet words and lumps of sugar.

The whip, the goad and the vicious brutality of a human being are the reason.

YOU can help to stop this cruelty.

Refuse to visit a circus that uses performing animals. Laws relating to animals are so useless that it's not possible to bring a prosecution. Naturally—laws are seldom on the side of the weak and helpless. Only by hitting circuses in the purse can we make them stop it.

If you think this is being a killjoy to children, remember that circuses can offer plenty of other attractions besides animals—and they will, if economically forced to.

The children will understand if you explain to them how the animals are being ill-treated. After all, the animal was (or is) someone's child too.

Margaret's Back Entrance

Perhaps when Margaret Watson

returns from collecting her MBE at Buckingham

Palace she might like to drop in and explain

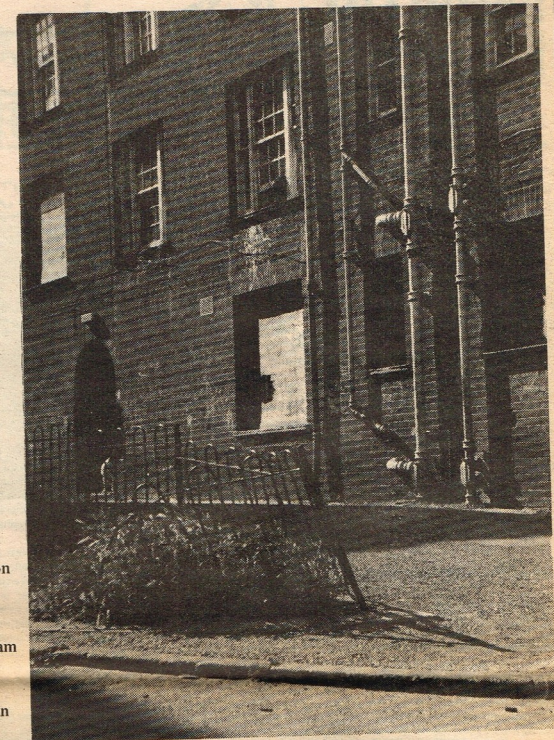
to residents of council estates like these

what they have done to deserve the honour of living there.

Perhaps they would also be interested to hear

the line of deductive reasoning

which convinced her





HOLIDAYS FOR NEXT TO NOTHING

The first in a series suggesting how you can get away from everyday tedium, but not get robbed blind by all the same thieves you meet all year. The motor industry want to rob us getting there; the entertainments industry want to rob what's left when we get there.

ENJOYING cycling demands that you keep what you take with you to a minimum. The lighter it is the faster you can go. All your belongings are with you 50 weeks a year; leave most of them behind for this holiday.

When you set off for a week or two, you go much further in a day—because you don't need to come back to go to bed. So even a beginner can get our to Henley in Oxfordshire in an easy day.

Beyond the town you are in the Chiltern Hills and there are mainly farms there. I didn't think you'd want to carry a tent, and before it's dark, find a barn to sleep in. Best to keep away from the farm buildings, then no-one need know—or be asked permission. Come back at night; but save the searching at night.

You're now getting well towards the open downland of central Southern England. It's scarred by a few motorways, but just curse them and pretend some kid has lost a Scale-

trix kit.

Much more open than the wooded Chilterns, the Lambourn Downs are beyond the reach of most of the commuter Londoners and real rural communities survive.

How far you want to go I don't know, but I've spent a night right in the middle of Lambourn. Still with an eye to keeping luggage down, do you really need a heavy sleeping bag? With two of you, you can keep each other warm.

You only get flat country in places like East Anglia. Easy cycling, but not so interesting as the area around, say, Ogbourne St George, Wilts, or the River Lambourn cutting through the chalk, and as clear as tap water.

Another day can get you to the Cotswolds, or the Mendip Hills—you choose. Then it's time to turn about on a week trip, or you're half-way out for a fortnight.

British Rail would have wanted £s to go that far with you and you'd have seen nothing. A car might have cost less—even including extras—but how much would you see then?

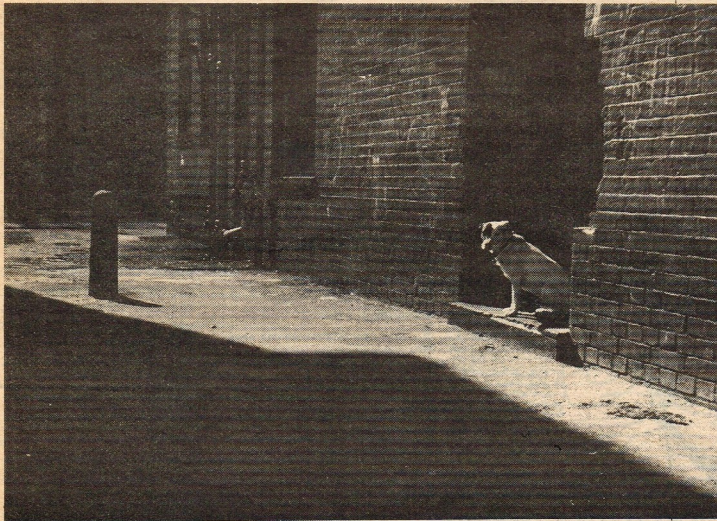
Food you have to buy anyway and no doubt you'll eat less on this trip. You could drink yourself stupid, but you can do that anyway, even at work. But all you need to buy are a few 1/2 inch maps and maybe a few cycle parts.

Cooking stuff is an optional extra, but you might find, like me, that you don't want to bother.

Best to wait if you have very young kids, but even the older primary school kids are stronger than most of their parents. The more of you going, the more you can take for each other: 1 pump, 1 tent, 1 kitchen sink, etc.

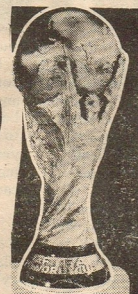
And if you do get knackered, for the past year, British Rail will let you take your cycle free—so long as you pay for yourself.

allages.



that it was morally right for a socialist housing officer to accept an MBE while so many council tenants are still living in what are obviously inhuman conditions.

world cup



the final
in buenos aires



I'm not much of a football fan. In fact to tell the truth the games bores me stiff.

But even those of us who don't know an offside from a kick up the backside can hardly avoid being aware of the world cup.

My first experience of this obnoxious competition was in that awful year of 1966. I was staying in Danny Finnegan's boarding house just off the Caledonian Road, Islington, within walking distance of Kings Cross station.

All of us in that house were male, mostly building workers and a few unemployed, about thirty of us in all, the majority Irish and most of the rest Scottish.

We all watched the final of that world cup on the telly—England versus West Germany.

The Irish blokes, displaying more generosity than wisdom, wanted England to win, while we Scots, correctly foreseeing that this would only make the buggers even more insufferable than usual, cheered West Germany.

Well of course England did win, or at least so the referee said, although a lot of people less biased than me said the winning "goal" never crossed the line.

The resulting smugness of the English was a major factor (though one which is usually overlooked) in the advance of Scottish nationalism.

ENTER ALLY'S TARTAN ARMY

This year of 1978 I took an interest in the world cup because Scotland had qualified and England hadn't.

The actual football I couldn't care less about.

But the telly pictures of tens of thousands of Scots clad in a multitude of tartans, and the irresistible siren skirl of the bagpipes, and the Lion Rampant fluttering in the breeze, had me jumping to my feet

with a glass of whisky and a can of McEwan's Export in one hand (which is a good trick if you can do it) and waving my claymore in the other, saying "Here's Tae Us! Wha's like us? Damn few, and they're a' deid!"

And when it had the effect on an anarchist who believes in internationalism and isn't even interested in football, you can imagine the effect on the real fans.

Ally MacLeod shared and encouraged the belief that nothing on earth could stop us. If I was him, I would now emigrate to some land where neither football nor Scotland had been heard of.

The same goes for poor Willy Johnstone of pep pills fame.

BREAD AND CIRCUSES

Anyway, what is this world cup business all about?

There used to be a pretence that international sporting competitions

encouraged friendship between nations.

That always looked a dubious proposition, and looks even more so as time goes by.

It is only a few years since actual war, with thousands killed and thousands more made homeless, broke out between two neighbouring Central American countries over a football game. Talk about football hooliganism.

The financial side of the world cup is very bug business indeed, and the political side even bigger.

The vicious military dictatorship of Argentina, trying to keep the Argentinian working class from rebelling, is pursuing a policy of bread and circuses.

Well actually the people don't even have much bread. But they've got the biggest circus in the world. No expense spared on the world cup. And yet even if they do win the world cup on their home ground, after the booze-up and the hangover,

what difference is it going to make to the ordinary Argentinian worker?

WE WANT THE WORLD

As for Scotland, well as the Sunday Times put it "in the land without political heroes, the football manager is king".

Make no mistake about it, Ally MacLeod was a Scottish Nationalist hero because the SNP is a nationalism without a fuhrer.

None of them Nationalist MPs is in the same league as John MacLean, for instance.

Now Ally has been deposed. And yet, what if he had won? Glasgow would still have had the worst housing in Europe, high unemployment, the mass of people living lives of quiet, or relatively quiet, desperation.

WORKERS OF ALL LANDS, UNITE!

For the ordinary people of Argentina, or Scotland, or any of the other countries concerned, it really makes very little difference who wins the world cup. After the celebrations the hangovers, life has to go on.

It's been said before, but it's worth repeating—*Workers of the world unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains!*

And I'm not just saying that because Peru beat us 3-1, and we only managed to draw with Iran because they kicked the ball into their own net.

Angus MacDonald

dracula doesn't rule, ok?



Sometimes people say about our ideas "Oh, it sounds beautiful all right, but it's against human nature, it wouldn't work".

The fact is that in the very few cases where it has been tried, it *does* work.

One example is the Blood Transfusion Service.

In Britain this is run on anarchist communist lines, or at least on the nearest thing to them that is possible in this society.

From each according to their ability to each according to their need, and it's all entirely voluntary.

Compared with, for instance, blood transfusion in the USA, which is run on capitalist lines,

it is remarkably efficient.

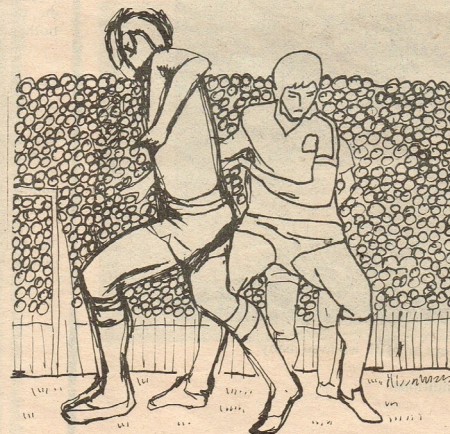
In the states people sell blood. And the people who are most likely to sell it are the most desperate - junkies crying out for a fix, alcoholics on Skid Row.

They frequently sell more of it than they can afford to lose, and become more ill themselves in the process.

And the proportion of bad transfusions which give rise to complications is far higher than in this country.

So give blood, and remember that in doing so you are helping the cause of libertarian communism.

And if we can do it for something as precious and individual as blood, we can do it for everything else.





Bread & Roses

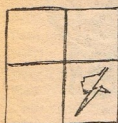
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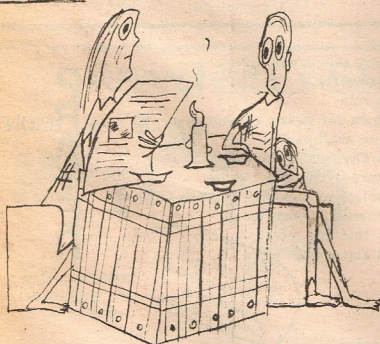
The 'leadership' of the trade union movement (that is to say, the top officials on their top salaries with their perks and profitable sidelines) have accepted Phase 4 of the wage freeze, just as they'll probably accept Phase 99. Don't be fooled by their pretence of bickering over the details.

We, the working class, are being told to be content with a further lowering of living standards at a time when Lord Boyle's Top Salaries Review Body is advising the government to give rises of up to one hundred and two per cent for heads of nationalised industries, senior civil servants, generals, air marshals, and judges.

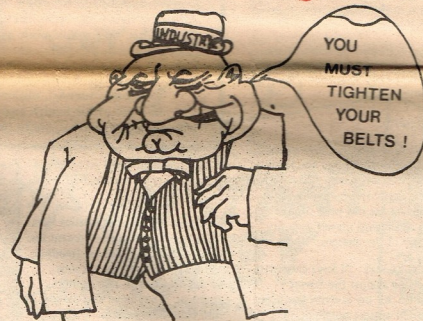
The reason the TUC chiefs are prepared to accept this kind of thing is quite simple—although they draw their authority from "representing" the working class, in reality they belong to the ruling class, just like these other bureaucrats.



Goody! It says here that wage restraint is saving the economy.



It's not that are "bad". It's just that their class interests are different from ordinary people's. And it'll be like that until all union officials have to stand for election, with a time limit on how long any individual is allowed to do the job, and with the membership being able to recall those they elect at any time—and with the official being paid the same as the lowest paid members of their union! That would really give them an incentive to do something about low wages!



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Class System Is Killing You

Recent Government statistics show that the age-old notion that politicians, tycoons and company directors are particularly prone to heart attacks, bronchitis, lung cancer, etc. is a myth.

In fact it has been found that people such as barristers, doctors, and prime ministers, tend to live healthier and longer lives than the rest of us. The worst-off are the factory and building workers, especially those on incentive schemes.

In America a study was carried out on personnel at all levels, employed by the Bell Telephone Company, General Motors and the Du Pont chemical giant. This study proved that executives are much less likely to have heart-attacks than shop-floor workers.

A survey which compared the death-rates between social classes showed that Social Class 1 (company directors) is 23% better-off than the average for everyone, while Social Class 5 (unskilled manual workers) is 37% worse-off than the same average. For respiratory diseases the death-rate in Class 5 is now five times greater than in Class 1.

We have all seen the safety posters saying that accidents are caused by careless workers. This is a blatant lie put out by management, and official statistics help nail this lie. Factory Inspectorate analysis in 1975 found that 81% of factory deaths were caused by management failing to ensure "reasonably practicable precautions". A special survey of deaths on construction sites show 68% to 80% are similarly caused by building firms putting profits before safety.

DID THE POPE DIE A NATURAL DEATH

—see back page

UKRAINIAN DISSIDENT 'TRIALS' DEEP IN THE USSR

With the signing of the agreement on human rights at Helsinki, there were set up a number of monitoring groups in the USSR.

Recently, members of the Ukrainian monitoring group have been on trial charged with "anti-Soviet" activity - the current term for opposition to the Stalinist policies of the Brezhnev regime.

The first trial was that of NIKOLAI RUDENKO (head of the Ukrainian monitoring group and a member of the Soviet group of Amnesty International) and ALEXI TIKHY (a member of the monitoring group) which was held in the town of Druzhkovka in the summer of 1977.

Criminal Code

Rudenko was charged under Article 62 of the Ukrainian Criminal Code which deals with anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda.

Spied on in hospital

A. RUSAKOVSKAYA stated that during his stay at the hospital where she worked Rudenko had listened to Western radio broadcasts.

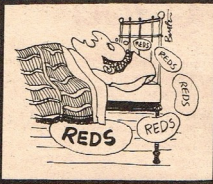
In a 2-hour speech the prosecutor described the defendants as "opponents of socialism, helpers and agents of hostile states, outcasts and traitors to the Motherland who had actively engaged in anti-Soviet activity".

There followed speeches by the court-appointed defence lawyers in which they described their clients as guilty.

Not guilty

In his final speech Tikhy stated: "I consider there was no criminal activity of any kind. No guilt in the form of direct subversive intent by me has been found. I do not regard myself as guilty on any of the charges."

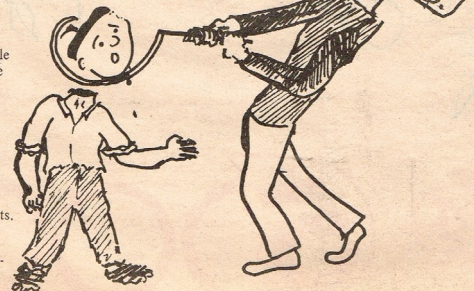
Rudenko said: "I have committed no crime against the Soviet regime. All my activity has been directed against bureaucratic distortions. My whole civic attitude was directed at their removal not at the overthrow of the Soviet regime."



No pain-killers

Tikhy was sentenced to 10 years in a special regime labour-camp and 5 years in exile, Rudenko to 7 years in a strict regime camp and 5 years in exile.

Rudenko is an invalid war veteran in extreme ill health. So harsh are the conditions in the camps that



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- Nikolai Rudenko, under a sentence which in view of his health and harsh prison conditions amounts to death.

the sentence imposed on him is tantamount to a sentence of death.

Knowing this, the authorities have tried to persuade him to recant his views in exchange for his freedom. They have even taken his sons to the Kiev prison to urge him to do so. They have also denied him pain-killing drugs.

Twelve years

The second trial was held in the town of Vasylykiv, south of the Ukrainian capital of Kiev, on March 30th, 1978.

According to Andrei Sakharov, Matuskevych was removed from the court room for showing a "lack of respect" for the court. Matuskevych's lawyer had not been given notice of the trial and was not in court. The parents of the accused, who had been called to testify as witnesses, were not allowed into the court room.

Charged with anti-Soviet activity, the defendants were sentenced to a total of 12 years in labour camps and exile.

Protest

As a protest against her husband's

arrest Matuskevych's wife resigned from the Komsomol. She was called in for questioning by the KGB.

After years of subjugation under the iron heel of Stalinism the Soviet working class is beginning to stir. As the above trials show, the bureaucracy will do everything it can to prevent any organised expression of dissent, any action in defence of freedom.

Oh, Lord!

In Whose great wisdom we here this day do live,
Grant that we may enjoy our poverty.
That we may love Thy gentle rain
which gets us sodden through on our weary way home.
That in Thy infinite wisdom we shall bask,
and bless Thy works through Thy humble servants
in Westminster who express Thy will
in ripping us off for nuclear armaments, British Leyland
and Thy great and glorious Civil Service.
And Lord, we beseech Thee, that this month,
we may continue in mindless slavery to
Thy ruling class on earth.
But not for ever and ever,
Amen.

dissidents' voices here

From a primary school student:

Down with school
School to the rubbish dump
What's worse than school? Answer, nothing.
School is the worst thing in the world
Nothing is worse than school.

School is rubbish.
School is silly.
What's worse than school? Answer, nothing.
School is the worst thing in the world
Nothing is worse than school.

What are schools really for?
Partly to teach obedience and conformity.

But also to stream people into the hierarchy of order-givers and order-takers; "unskilled", "skilled", "professional", etc.

So that when you feel like complaining about low wages, degrading treatment and boring work, underneath a little voice will say - "You deserve it because you're not as good as the middle classes".

Schools deliberately crush your creativity and initiative to prepare you for life in a society which denies you both.

Don't learn its lesson!

From a secondary school student:

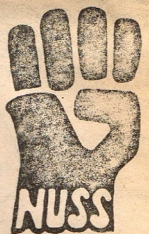
I think school hours should be shortened because we have too many free lessons anyway, and this mostly happens because teachers seem to be away quite a lot, so because of these we just sit in the school classrooms doing no work, so I think that we would be able to just go home where we could probably find something much better to do.

Also I think that we should be able to wear anything to school instead of having to wear school uniform and even if they do want schools to look different from other schools, I don't think it should have anything to do with school uniforms.

School uniforms are one of the five educational afflictions that the National Union of School Students wants to get rid of. The others are: corporal punishment, prefects, secret reports, petty rules.

If any readers are interested, their address is

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01-387 1277 ext. 4.



PRAYER
OF THE MONTH

JESUS SAVES
Holy water is cheap
this month at Tesco's
- pint bottles or
throw-away dumpties!

Vic Arr

Holidays for next to nothing

Another in a series suggesting how you can get away from everyday tedium, but not get robbed blind by all the same thieves you meet all year. The motor industry want to rob us getting there; the entertainments industry want to rob what's left when we get there.

Have you had a holiday you could write of for this series?

CORNISH COASTAL PATHS

The National Trust have bought up most of the coastal strip of Cornwall.
— A huge path for us to enjoy.

CORNWALL is far away from most of the rest of the country; it costs to get there, but once there and prepared to walk you'll find terrific views and plenty of quiet places to be lazy or take a swim.

The obvious attraction is the coastline. Most of the seaside and clifftops has been bought

a village, you don't need to carry too much food with you. Between Helston and Penzance there's a lot of flat and road-encroached seaside, but otherwise it's very quiet. I'll concentrate on the southern tip where it's quiet.

A bus out of Helston drops you near the village of Cadwith. A steep road goes down to the harbour. A chance to get some food and then off along the path.

A few miles to the Lizard, the sunnier it is, the more enjoyable. And it reaches a peak of delight near Mullion. A quick dip here in Polurrian or Poldhu Coves is a possibility. A bit further, and you can wallow in the fantasies of smuggling in days gone by at Gunwalloe. Then there's the sand of Loe Bar. This cuts off what was the estuary that made Helston an important harbour years ago.

OWN A TOWN

Now it akes you on to Porthleven—a pleasant town not too ravaged by the holiday industry, and owned by some rich Swiss. Mind boggles.

Where do you sleep? It may be worth carrying a tent, but there are dry places to sleep if you look. Might be cool and damp though, so take a mat and sleeping bag.

Why not nip over to Helston, here? It's not all commercial, but it is quite unique.

Also it has one of the few—nationally—of "home brew" pubs. Taste what was the rule to great-grandfather.

WHERE ELSE?

Going North from Land's End, way west of Pancez, the coast is littered with closed tin mines. But not the squalor of the pit heaps; the filth of oil terminals.



Derelict Cornish tin mine building

The closed mines may have been foul to work in and lethal, but in old age they are part of the land. The mining town of St Just has nothing to do with city squalor.

Anyway there's another good view, another scarce plant, another glimpse of a rare bird round every next headland. All you've got to do is get there.

CHEAP

This series on holidays is meant to suggest ways you can get away from home for inexpensive hols. The only extra you need spend on here is travel to the south-west and—perhaps—extra booze.

Ulysses

State Scroungers

The Social Security has swindled claimants out of £300m. Nearly one million people did not receive benefit to which they were entitled.

These figures were published last month in a report by the Supplementary Benefits Commission. The report stated that only 75% of entitled benefit was claimed.

However if you earn over £5,000 a year, don't let your conscience trouble you, for the Commission report assures us that over 25% of those people are not *totally* destitute. They may only be losing less than £1 or only a month's benefit.

AFFLUENCE

The report goes on to say—showing the concern for the needy for which they are famous—"But it would be wrong to draw the opposite conclusion that they are living in relative affluence and we should cease to be concerned about them."

Bloody right! If I lost £1 out of my meagre £13, it is beyond doubt that I would no longer be living in "affluence".

BLAME

And who is to blame for this disgraceful state of affairs? Why, the

claimant of course.

The Chairman of the commission, David Donaldson, said that people did not get their money because of a "mixture of pride, ignorance, a sense of stigma, a reluctance to make the effort that a claim calls for, a desire for self-sufficiency on the part of an individual family, unwillingness to become involved with a government agency and a general feeling that the whole business is not worth while."

WAITING

Any claimant might give a different story. They would mention the long waits, being forced to drag children back and forth between offices, the mountains of useless bureaucracy and the whole general system of deliberately humiliating, intimidating and threatening claimants.

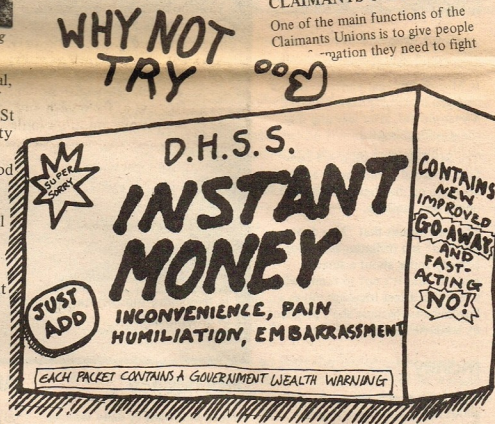
As for "ignorance" of the mountain of jargonised crap they call "information leaflets"—just try asking for them and see where it gets you.

Mr Donaldson has a short memory. Only a few months ago he talked to representatives from Claimants Un-

ions up and down the country who has a few things to say about why benefit was not claimed.

CLAIMANTS UNION

One of the main functions of the Claimants Unions is to give people information they need to fight



Anarchist Ex-Servicemen's League



manchester
anarchist
organisation

Well, it may sound daft, but there are in fact more anarchist ex-servicemen around than you might suppose.

There's Al who was one of Monty's desert rats.

Myself, I was in Aden, defending the Empire, shortly before Aden became the so-called People's Republic of South Yemen.

More recently we've had recruits to the movement who've seen active service in Northern Ire-

land.

The usual response of military men to anti-militarist propaganda is "you don't know what you're talking about."

Well if we were to get together and put forward an alternative to both militarism and pacifism, they wouldn't be able to say that about us, would they?

Any other veterans interested in putting such an alternative to our brothers and sisters in uniform?

for their claim—and it really is a fight. However, several SS offices had banned then from handing out information in the office. In other cases, the clerks refused to deal with a claimant who had anything to do with the Claimants Union people.

In NO cases known to the C.U. members have the Social Security staff made an effort to inform people of their full entitlement. In many cases the clerks were themselves ignorant of what a claimant was due.

RULES OF THE SYSTEM

The sanctimonious tone of this report is a piece of prime hypocrisy.

It would be more honest to print the unwritten rules of the whole social security system—"Keep 'em scared, keep 'em humble and keep 'em ignorant."

END THE STIGMA NOW!

"Arrange to have your baby adopted as soon as possible... you must try to see it not as giving her away but as giving her the chance of a good life...because you have so much love and tenderness to give, you will surely meet a man who values you and loves you, too. And you will have other children whom you will adore."

That's Marje Proops's advice to an unmarried mother. She wrote it shortly before beginning a series on women's liberation called "Have Women Won?"

Well, women haven't won very much if they still have to get married to have a baby, without being given cruel and patronising advice like this.

I wonder if Proops would give the same advice to a divorced mother or a widow?

discrimination

In May of this year a private school changed its mind about accepting a 4-year-old girl, after learning that she was illegitimate.

The Sex Discrimination Act contains a virtual invitation to employers to go on discriminating against unmarried mothers.

The telly thinks that "Miss Jones and Son" is a titillating name for a comedy series about a single mother - but it's not so funny when a real Miss Jones loses her job as a headmistress because she's pregnant by a married man.

money

What is illegitimacy anyway? Is it about sex? about star-crossed lovers? about psychology? about concern, or lack of concern, for children?

Rich
Gemini / Pretty
Scorpio
↓
Bastard

Star-crossed lovers?

Rubbish. There's nothing romantic about it, despite the fact that the library shelves would suddenly become very gap-toothed indeed if you removed all the novels whose plot hinges on some character's secret illegitimacy.

Illegitimacy is simply about money. Men's money, property, land and power. It was so that men could know which children were to inherit their wealth that women had to be tied to marriage, chastity, the stoning of adulterers and all the rest of it, thus guaranteeing that the children could only be one particular man's.

Even among poor people with nothing to bequeath, mothers are supposed to be mere dependents and so it's necessary for the male breadwinner to be sure that the woman is the mother of his children.

people like me are going to create for them."

not so bad at that

In fact, despite the hardships, many women find that life with a child is easier when you don't have a man standing over you.

Even the Sunday Times recognises that many single-parent families nowadays exist "by choice of lifestyle". According to a Common Market report early this year, Britain's illegitimacy rate is now 90 per 1,000 births, the highest in the EEC.



dependency

People who want to deny women the right to bring up children independently often point out, as did Marje Proops, the hardships faced by one-parent families.

But these hardships exist because of the stigma, because those who run the economy assume that women don't need or deserve breadwinner wages.

They'll also point to psychological hardships, claiming that without two parents a child must be unhappy. Well of course, if you impose a stigma, plus the strains of poverty, on children and their mothers, it won't help much. It's two-faced to say to women "Don't have children outside of marriage, because of all the hardships that

Abortion and

Adoption

But the establishment's response to these changing attitudes is simply to go on urging abortion, birth control or adoption to prevent single women having and keeping children.

Those who support adoption on the one hand, and those who support abortion on the other hand, each say that their way is more humane. I agree that abortion is less cruel than adoption, because a mother who gives up her baby suffers more than an unborn child who unknowingly loses its life. But they're both sides of the same coin: the idea that single women mustn't be mothers.

Hope

There are some rays of hope here and there.

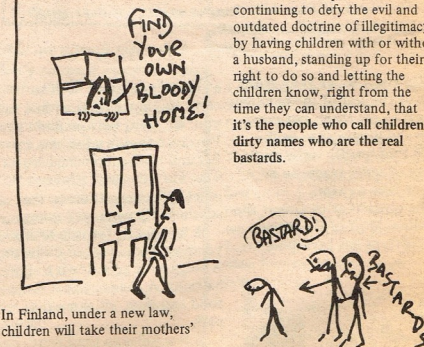
The judge in the Jennifer Davis case (the battered common-law wife who won the right to eject the man from the home temporarily) recognised the existence of the "unmarried housewife". And the courts have upheld an unmarried mother's right to stay in the home owned by the father even if he wants her out.

sumames unless both parents want otherwise. That should help put paid to the "Miss Jones and Son" bullshit.

The TUC, in its document "Aims for women at work", is opposing the Sex Discrimination Act's omission of single mothers from its protection.

And the National Council for One-Parent Families is making the abolition of illegitimacy its campaign theme for this year, its 60th anniversary.

But the main hope lies in women continuing to defy the evil and outdated doctrine of illegitimacy by having children with or without a husband, standing up for their right to do so and letting the children know, right from the time they can understand, that it's the people who call children dirty names who are the real bastards.



In Finland, under a new law, children will take their mothers'

Marriage Police

Better look under the bed before getting into it tonight - you might find Merlyn Rees with a tape-recorder.

Yes, the Labour Government is going to do something about the family, as promised.

Is it finally, after years of deliberately impoverishing children and their parents, going to provide higher child benefits or child tax allowances?

No, it's going to consider appointing a Minister for Marriage to run a Central Development Unit for Marital Work.

This will do nothing for families. But it will do two things for the government.

One: it will give the impression of caring about a neglected problem.

Two: it will strike a

blow for conformity and against unmarried or divorced parents, either through propaganda or direct discrimination.

It could also interfere with married people or those who want to marry. It could raise age limits and prescribe psychological tests or income qualifications (not that it's going to help provide the income).

As the Guardian put it, the report which Rees plans to publish this autumn "will emphasise that...the state has a responsibility in this rather personal field". Mary Whitehouse must be cheering.

For your own and your children's sake, prepare to resist this plan before it's too late!

What is Anarchist Communism?

WHAT HAVE WE GOT?

Most people realize that the system under which we live is rotten to the core. It doesn't matter which party is in power, the rich and powerful stay rich and powerful while the rest of us are forced to slave away long hours (at work and in the home) in boring, soul-destroying jobs to get basic needs and maybe a few comforts.

NO VOICE

Decisions that affect our lives are nearly always taken from above with the result that much of what goes on (the building of roads, office blocks, airports, nuclear power stations, for example) is directly against our interests and insensitive to our needs as human beings. Dangerous jobs are often made

WHAT CAUSES INFLATION?
QUITE SIMPLY -



even more dangerous because the people giving us the orders either don't know or don't care about the conditions we're working in.

COMPLETE CONTROL

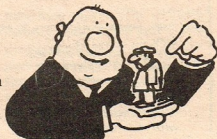
From the moment we're born we become cogs in a relentless brutal machine whose only purpose is to provide wealth and comfort for a small privileged minority—the bosses. Because these bosses control the economy (through their ownership/control

YOU DO. I CAN PROVE IT SCIENTIFICALLY.



of property and of the factories and machines that produce goods) they are able to control every aspect of our lives through science, education, and especially the media (press, radio and television).

THIS MODEL REPRESENTS YOU. YOU'RE GREEDY, LAZY, NASTY, CYNICAL AND UNCOOPERATIVE.



child care bulletin

NURSERIES v. WAGES for MOTHERHOOD: What do Women think?

The Question

Do you think it would be better

- to have nurseries so that mothers could go out to work
- to have a wage for motherhood
- to go on as we are?

Who was asked

Women looking after pre-school children in Highbury Barn shopping area, Clissold Park and Highbury Fields

Answers

- They should be able to go out to work. *(This woman was a school student looking after young relatives during her holiday. She plans to be a telephonist.)*

What are you planning to do when you have children?

Not having any!

Is that because of your experience of looking after relatives?

Yes!

- Well, I wouldn't mind wages! I wouldn't go to work and leave them, not until they're able to go to school.

What kind of work would you do, when they were in school?

Well, I'd have to do temporary work to fit in with the holidays.

- I don't know - it would be nice if you could go to work because it takes you out of yourself, and it would be nice to be paid a wage. It's nice being at home with them. Maybe work six months of the year and be at home the rest. Part-time wouldn't be bad.

What kind of work did you used to do?

I used to work in a printing factory, collating books. It's nice to be with people.

- 4 and 5. *(They were together and answered almost at the same time.)* Pay a wage for motherhood, definitely ... Yeah, I've always wanted that.

What kind of work would you be doing if you could, or later when they're in school?

(first woman) Hairdressing.

(second woman) Work that would fit in with school holidays.

- I don't think that about wages ... I don't think that's on really.

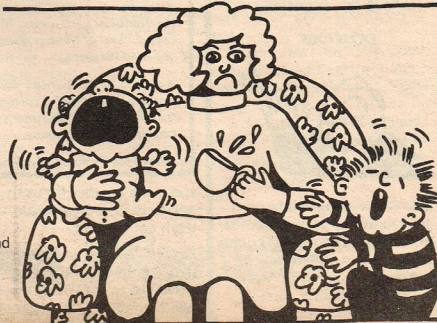
Would you rather be going out to work?

No, not really, I'm quite happy being at home. But I think there should be more facilities if you do want to go out to work. Because at the moment there's nothing, is there.

What sort of work would you do?

Oh I don't know, some sort of office work I suppose.

7. *(She had done social work in India but couldn't work over here.)* It's nicer if you have a nursery.



- 8 and 9. *(They were both nursery nurses bringing a group of children to the park. They agreed:.)* There should be both.

(first woman) After all, if they had a wage they wouldn't have to work.

(second) No, but there should be the choice for those who want to work because some women get bored staying at home.

(first) Yes, there should be the choice.

10. Either that or nurseries.

You think it should be a matter of choice?

I think it should, yeah.

What kind of work would you be doing?

Anything, catering, anything. I used to work in hotels.

In this interview, we didn't go into the big question: where should the money come from, for either nurseries or wages? From the state? employers?

What do you think?

SO MUCH FOR YOU.



all forms of domination—adults over children, men over women, bosses over workers, the young over the elderly and so on.

It also means an end to the wastefulness of production for profit. Children will no longer

starve to death in one part of the world while in another large quantities of food are left to rot. In an anarchist

NOW LET'S SEE HOW YOU CAUSE HIGHER PRICES. TAKE FOR INSTANCE THIS JAR OF PATE DE FOIE GRAS.



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WHAT IS ANARCHIST COMMUNISM? Cont.

society goods will be produced and distributed to the needs of everyone.

DIRECT DEMOCRACY AND SELF-MANAGEMENT

In the workplace itself methods used and hours worked will be decided collectively by the workers concerned. There will be no bureaucrats sitting behind desks giving orders from on high. Similarly decisions affecting the community—the planning of schools, recreational facilities, housing, transport etc.—will be made by everyone in the community.

DELICIOUS.



The whole thing will be coordinated not by a central parliament of well-off politicians doing what *they* want and representing *their* interests but by workplace and community councils. These will consist of ordinary people elected by their neighbours and fellow-workers.

These people will not be able to make decisions on behalf of everyone else—their role will be to carry out whatever tasks are delegated to them by the people who elect them. They will have to account for themselves regul-

TO GET US OUT
OF THIS MESS YOU
WILL NEED QUALITIES
OF PATIENCE -



arly and can be sacked and replaced if people consider they are not doing their job properly.

ACTION

It is through direct action that people realise the possibilities and gain confidence and experience to control their own lives. Direct action can take many forms—wildcat strikes, occupations of factories, colleges, town halls etc. sabotage and so on.

In Italy people have successfully reduced the prices of food in supermarkets by getting together and collectively refusing to pay the amount demanded. In France large groups of people travelling on trains have refused to pay their fares and got away with it.

Direct democracy is not go-

How's business, Mr Margolis?

As a member of the ACA and the TGWU I recently spent an evening on the picket line at the Garners Haymarket restaurant. The police were limiting the number of pickets to 6 but this in no way limited our effectiveness. In fact it was less intimidating to people

been bribed by the management.

Several times we were amused by the sight of the manager grabbing people off the street and dragging them into the restaurant, whether they wanted to go or not.

I'm sure some of them weren't even hungry!

(THE BACKGROUND)

The workers of Garners Steak Houses have been on strike now for over 6 months. They are demanding recognition of their union, the Transport and General Workers Union, and are organising daily pickets of Garners restaurants in order to persuade people not to eat in them.

A victory for the Garners workers will be a great boost to all workers in the hotel & catering industry - an industry that is traditionally low-paid, unorganised and where the employers are violently anti-trade union.

£28.49 for 55 hours - that's what a Garners waiter gets!

and made it easier for us to talk to them and persuade them not to go in.

Foreign tourists were particularly co-operative when we explained to them that there was a strike on. Throughout the evening the large restaurant looked very empty - especially when compared to neighbouring restaurants which were all packed. The only people to go in were either very posh people or else people who'd

Extracting the urine from the constabulary

The police, of course, were as unhelpful as ever. They made us leave such a large gap in front of the restaurant entrance that it was sometimes difficult to talk to people.

Then when one of the pickets made a joke he was threatened with arrest "for taking the piss out of a police officer!"

ing through the proper channels—these have already been proved too slow and ineffective. It is large numbers of people uniting in action to defend their common interests. This is the best way to keep our struggles independent and completely under our control.

ANARCHY FOR THE U.K?

We find our oppressors in every country in the world. We must

do we wish to control workers' struggles, and we shall oppose any groups or parties that try and use these struggles for their own ends.

We see the need for those who share a common oppression (e.g. gays, women, blacks) to organise autonomously, but we realise our immediate oppression. We must link our struggles together.

The role of our organisation is in the action of spreading our ideas and spreading our ideas through action. We want to publicise and help analyse examples of direct action and self-management. Whenever possible we also give practical support (with no strings attached).

Our organisation also helps us to break down our own individual isolation, to share our experiences and to link them together.

Thus each thread of resistance is gradually woven into a tapestry of revolution and freedom.

THE REVOLUTION STARTS NOW.

ALSO YOU NEED TO
BE PRETTY STUPID
TO BELIEVE THIS
RUBBISH.



HEROISM AND SELF SACRIFICE!



fight for our freedom in uniting with the working people of all nations. There can be no true revolution in one country alone.

THE ANARCHIST COMMUNIST ASSOCIATION

The Anarchist Communist Association is an organisation of class-struggle anarchists who want to develop anarchism as a living and decisive force. We do not seek power for ourselves, nor

Haymarket Slaves

people into the restaurant and persuading them to come out again.

(THE SERVANT PROBLEM)

Downtown London at night in summer is stimulating, as in any other city. The neon lights show only the fun bits, while the darkness hides the dirt and squalor that make it so revolting by day.

But who's providing all the goodies, all the frivolity? Who's doing the dirty work?

Waiting for a bus at 9 p.m. on my way home from the Garners picket, I happened to look up and see, above the neon sign of an amusement arcade, a lighted office where a coloured woman was sweeping up. I wondered how much money she got, how many kids she had at home, maybe a husband she hardly ever saw because they worked different shifts: how much love being ground down by poverty and work.

The whole fairground of tourists and comparatively well-heeled Londoners is held up by the unseen poor, those who have hardly any time or money for pleasure for themselves.

The workers at Garners are no exception: they just happen to be making a fight of it.



I was given a "final warning" just for following some French

I went home feeling the evening had been a success. The restaurant had done very little business and most of the people we had spoken to were very sympathetic. I think this strike can be won if enough people rally round to support the strikers.

With more and more people on the picket lines cutting off the supply of customers, sooner or later Garners will have to give in.

The Garners Steak House Strike Committee is calling for organisations to "adopt a restaurant", and to undertake to send a delegation on a particular day and session each week. In this way a full weekly rota can be built up and picketing extended to restaurants that are not picketed at the moment.

The strikers are also in urgent need of financial help. Trade unionists are asked to raise the question of donations at their branch and committee meetings and in their workplaces.

For further information phone 01-240-1056. Fund-raising ideas, messages of support, donations etc. should be sent to Garners Steak House Strike Committee, Room 84, 12/13 Henrietta St., London WC2.

Is Your Memory Your Problem?



I used to know seem to have forgotten!

Name Thinyay

Address err.. You know

Age over 30

Comments My brain hucks!

Please post today for more details from
Try and find our address somewhere - just don't seem to be able to find it right now!
Wish I'd never interfered with my memory!

5% Cntd.

In August 1975 the TUC put out an official statement about Phase 1. "The wage control plan leads the fight for jobs" they said.

Since then, with each succeeding year of wage freeze, unemployment has risen. It is now treble what it was before Phase 1.

If wages controls were supposed to fight unemployment, they have clearly failed!

So if your wages are £65 a week, and you get a Phase 4 rise of five per cent (which will amount to just *two quid and five pence* after deductions), you can't even tell yourself you're helping people get out of the dole queue!

COST OF LIVING

Nor can you tell yourself you're keeping prices down. While the earnings growth rate from 1976-77 fell from 13.9% to 8.9%, the *prices* growth rate rose from 12.9% to 17.6%. Food prices have more than doubled in the past four years.

Of course the bosses and

their lackeys always come out with the line about "one person's wage increase is another's price increase."

This is a load of bollocks. For one thing wages only make up a small part of price, the rest being cost of materials and *profit*.

The bosses can afford to pay higher wages without passing this on in increased prices. They're fat enough. Let *them* tighten their belts.

To give the bosses an incentive to keep prices down, workers should always seek to ensure that any wage settlement includes a clause for automatic adjustment upwards in line with the rate of inflation during the settlement period.

A SHORTER WEEK

As for unemployment, the way to do something about that is to fight for the shorter working week. For the vast majority of manual workers in this country that means the 35 hour week—without loss of wages.

Funnily enough the TUC chiefs whose attitude on wages is so pathetic are trying to

keep a bit of credibility with their members by supporting the 35 hour week.

But at the same time as putting forward the shorter working week they are talking about "increased productivity" and saying it "needn't mean a rise in unit costs".

Increased productivity means doing the same amount of work in less hours. Of course if the bosses can get *that* there needn't be any rise in unit costs—and they needn't take on any more workers, so unemployment continues at just as high (or even higher) levels.

We repeat—the bosses are fat enough. They can afford to absorb increased costs by taking slimmer profits.

We want the 35 hour week without loss of wages, without having to work harder: that way we benefit ourselves and the unemployed.

BAN OVERTIME

As a first step overtime should be banned. The Post Office engineers have already started doing this. Their action should be supported and extended.

Why do we work overtime anyway? Because we can't live on the basic wage, that's why.

Instead of working overtime we should be doing something about the basic wage.

Anybody who thinks it can't be done should think again. The government's pay code has been widely broken. Members of the Anarchist Communist Association, along with their mates at their places of work, have succeeded in winning wage settlements well over the limit.

SELFISH?

We want 35 hours because it means less time for the boss

and more for ourselves.

It will reduce unemployment—previous reductions in the "official" working week did, as a matter of historical record, lead to a reduction in actual hours worked per worker, and an increase in the number of workers employed.

But mainly we want it because it means more time for ourselves.

This isn't entirely a selfish point of view. As was pointed out in the last issue of *Bread and Roses*, this means more time for those around us.

More time for children. More time for those adults (usually women) struggling to cope with kids 100 hours a week.

More time for the community we are part of. More time for friends and neighbours.

And more time to organise to get rid of the bosses and their crazy, morally bankrupt capitalist system once and for all!

**YOU ARE
HERE**



about this paper

If you like *Bread and Roses*, besides subscribing, there are some other things you can do. For instance, you could take a few copies to sell. Don't feel that it's not worth bothering if you think you can only sell half a dozen copies, it all adds up.

Subscriptions to the paper cost £2.50 for 12 issues. We really are going to bring it out every month from now on. Honest!

If you've just won the pools, how about contributing to a worthy cause, and we'll persuade the masses not to string you from the nearest lamp post when the revolution comes? Yes, that's right, in this respect we're like all the other left papers, *broke*.

And if you're musical or can make people laugh or whatever we'd like to hear from you because we were thinking of having a benefit for the paper.

In the last issue we said "forward to the daily". But to tell the truth we didn't mean it. By the time *Bread and Roses* is coming out weekly, there will be a mass anarchist communist movement amongst the working class so absolutely bouncing with vitality and rebelliousness that the revolution will be over before we reach the daily.



FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

Some of us are involved in struggles which, to put it mildly, are interesting. We hope to report on these in the next issue. Also, look out for "The Ordinary Person's Guide to the Left". Does the multitude of left-wing groups have you bewildered? Read our Guide. You may not be much wiser after doing so, but you'll have a good laugh anyway.

Thorpe's Dog & Weedkiller

At time of writing six anarchists are on trial for "conspiracy to cause explosions". The evidence against them seems flimsy to say the least - it relies heavily on the fact that some weedkiller which the police found in a raid could have been used in making bombs, and not even the prosecution has suggested that they actually *caused* any explosions.

Meanwhile, the extreme *right* continues its campaign of violence unchecked. The Anti-Nazi headquarters were bombed, Peace News was bombed, two Rock against Racism venues were bombed, a couple of other places used by anti-racists were destroyed

They are too occupied with these "idealistic persons" who they claim were intending to *become* violent.



Bail was refused because the accused were "idealistic persons who would take positive steps to overthrow society". The six are held in strictest security and are being badly treated.

Note the contrast with Jeremy Thorpe and his friends, accused of conspiracy to murder but out on bail, free to talk to anyone they like, including press and television. "Impartial" justice?

by fire, there have been four racist murders, a group of Asian workers were attacked by National Front members as they came out of a factory in Whitechapel, and so on.

The police have shown little interest in dealing with this *real* campaign of violence.

Jailed:
Iris Mills and Ronan Bennett

AWAY FROM IT ALL? GOOD NEWS WEEK

There's no such place!

It was a fine, still, hot summer's day. Lorry driver Dennis Hamerton, out in the country with his close friend (Mrs.) Carol Collins, stopped the car in a deserted country lane.

The two, who had been living together as lovers for some time, walked into the fields, climbing a gate and a barbed wire fence. They took a radio, playing pop music, with them.

Naturally, since they already had a relationship, and since there was (they thought) nobody else around, and since it was such a beautiful day, neither ruled out the possibility of passion in the long grass.

As it turned out it was corn.

But their gentle, lazy love-making was scarcely begun when the idyll was painfully shattered by a shotgun blast.

BLOOD ON THE CORN

The shotgun was fired by forty-two year old Rafaelo Darienza, a farmworker. He was later to claim in court that he saw a movement in the corn and fired believing it to be a rabbit.

Since when do rabbits carry transistor radios around with them? Rafaelo must have heard this and other unmistakably human sounds.

Despite the court finding for him, there can be little doubt that Mr Darienza knew what caused the movement he fired at.

That raises the question "why did he do it?"

PRIVATE PROPERTY AND SEXUAL REPRESSION

The clue is provided by Mr Darienza's background. He is from an Italian peasant family, and so has a well developed sense of land ownership. According to the law Carol and Dennis were trespassers.

Ironically, Rafaelo wasn't defending his own land. Under capitalism poor peasants become landless labourers and shoot those who trespass on their masters' land.

Mr Darienza's background tells us something else. Italy is a country where even a woman who has been raped by a man who is not her husband is considered to have been "shamed".

So you can imagine the reaction of a man from that kind of background to a woman guilty of carefree and joyous lovemaking in a field.

DOUBLE STANDARD

Mr. Darienza was reported to

have called Carol "dirty." Though he told Dennis Hamerton to get her out of the field, he did not call her "dirty".

Dennis, who was partly blinded by Darienza's shotgun attack, continued to push a claim for legal damages against him long afterwards.

Carol, who was hit by 56 shotgun pellets, did not pursue a claim—perhaps because she had been made to realise that society would agree with Mr. Darienza that she was "dirty".

The relationship between Carol and Dennis was ruined by the shotgun attack. Not surprisingly, their love-making could never be so joyous and carefree again, and they eventually split up. Dennis has since found a new love! Carol apparently hasn't.

MY OWN EXPERIENCE

As it happens the writer of this piece was also attacked in a cornfield, though it wasn't so dramatic nor its consequences so drastic.

When I was a young boy I lived in a village surrounded by beautiful countryside. And it was all owned by big farmers. No peasants, no little farmers. Just capitalists.

My mother took me with her gathering tatties for the farmers. And by the time I was nine years old I was old enough



to go on a "half-bit" and be paid half the adult wage (which wasn't much).

Tayside Regional Council still gives schoolchildren two weeks "tattie holidays" in the autumn—for the benefit of the farmers.

CLASS AND VIOLENCE

Anyway what happened was that one summer's day myself and some other children from the village were out in the surrounding countryside when we

saw approaching this farmer's son and some of his cronies, sons of his farmhands I think.

They hadn't seen us, so we got off the road and hid in a cornfield—we were in "their" territory, and knew that could mean trouble, even though we were on a public road.

ALL THE LAND FOR ALL THE PEOPLE

You can't get "away" from this sick society by going into the country. Capitalism is everywhere. Two % of the people own 72% of land values.

What we have to do is create a society where all have access to the land, both for work and pleasure. If people feel that the land is theirs, there will be no need for a countryside code, nor for the defence of growing crops as private property.

Neither will we have crops being destroyed to keep up the market price.

And we have to do away with the sexual repression which is closely linked with private property. We want a society where, if people want to make love out in the country, they can do so without fear of being shot at, and then called "dirty" by those who shoot at them.

I read the news this is what it said:
ALL THE PIGS IN THE WORLD ARE DEAD

Oh what a to-do!
What shall we do?
Now there are no helpful laughing policemen to tell us what to do!

I read the news this is what it said:
FACTORY OWNERS SHOT THROUGH THE HEAD
Oh how can we live?
To whom can we give?
Now there are no friendly Capitalists to take away what we give!

I read the news this is what it said:
RHODES BOYSON EATEN BY MAGGOTS!

Gor! What a stink!
But how we gonna think?
Now there are no intelligent well-intentioned freedom-loving expert educationalists to tell us how to think!

I read the news this is what it said:
M.P.s KILLED IN SHOCK HORROR DREAD!

Good gracious me!
How can we be free?
Now there are no strong upstanding smilingly benevolent and caring leaders to keep us free!

I read the news this is what it said:
NO NEWS TODAY—SEE CENTRE SPREAD

But where's the proof?
How can we know the truth?
Now there are no completely objective totally accurate and unbiased newspapers to tell us the truth ?????!

age RTAs (road traffic accidents) but care not a whit for you if you dare get in their way. It is high time there was firm action to curb the excesses of this irresponsible minority.

Let's have each motorboarder accompanied by someone walking with a red flag in front to warn real people of the danger. Let's turn over disused airfields to them as playgrounds and keep the dangerous things off the streets.

Motorboarder Menace

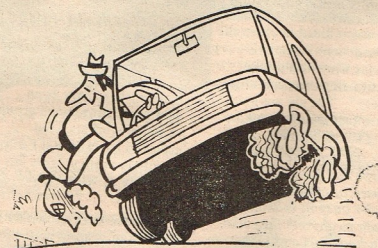
SKATEBOARDS have had a lot of stick recently as the teenagers and tinies have taken over the pavement, but much greater damage has been done for years by older kids and adults on motorboards.

Generally they stay on the roads, but thousands of citizens are now afraid to go out on the streets as



Proud motorboarder with a ton of dangerous plaything these hooligans scythe down elderly and infirm or young and healthy alike.

They happily call this carn-



Motorboarders are worse when they have a girlfriend to show-off to.



Some owners are encouraged to think it's a wild beast!

mental health

has anyone any hope for maggie & jean?

Maggie and Jean are registered addicts. Maggie had her 21st birthday, and Jean her 22nd, in Holloway.

A doctor told Maggie she wouldn't live past 23. Maybe he was just trying to scare her into a cure. But it's certain that her health is ruined.

She got registered a year ago and was put on methadone, a substitute for heroin. The only difference this made was that she no longer had to buy stuff.

Maggie: I don't want to come off it, I always want to be on it.

This is Maggie and Jean talking:

M Look, I think we ought to get dressed and get it together, yeah? Because I'm really stoned.

J Okay. I'm just lying down.

M Look, you've been lying down all day now. It must be midday. So come on.

J Where we gotta go?

M I don't know, I just feel untogther. I feel uneasy. I haven't had any methadone.

J If the clinic sees my arm here I'll be killed for sure.

M Are we going home?

J Well I think we ought to...

are going to be in trouble now because of our veins. We can't even fix.

M Couldn't you honestly get me a hit last night, or were you mucking about? Were you too stoned or what?

J That's the reason.

M Too stoned to get me a hit? I mean as long as that's the reason, and not because I haven't got any veins left.

J You've got veins but I can't find them.

M I've got veins but you can't find them! I think it was because you were stoned, babe, honestly I do. Because, like,

ANOTHER RELAXATION EXERCISE

"WIN"

Be alone in the room.

There's a wall higher than you. Stand with both arms extended, palms out and push on the top of it repeatedly, letting your weight go onto the right foot in back of you after each push.

After you've knocked the top of it down, knock down each bit of it, getting lower and lower.

When it's all crumbled into a heap, grind it down with both hands and stamp on it.

very hard to use your own hand. Isn't it? Hm?

J Where can we get some dicanol?

M Well we could get some laid on. Paul could give me some money.

M I'm really gonna get it together. Right! No one's stoned. Stand up! Get up, get up off the floor. Let's have some strong coffee. Will you please get off the floor, you lazy cretin. Get up off the floor, make the bed. Come on, come on. You, you were in Holloway, man, you should know what it's like. I'll tell you why we're feeling tired, man, because the fire's on.

We've all felt at times that life had nothing to offer except the comfort of a drink or a cigarette.

The only difference is that with Jean and Maggie the thing that's become their comfort is also something that wrecks and shortens their life.

It's no use having clinics and enlightened laws when people have no hope.

In Hong Kong a determined evangelist is curing a few junkies by persuading them to stay at her hostel and say prayers. The hostel only holds 10 to 15 people, and when they leave a lot of them relapse.

We don't believe in blind faith or supernatural religion. But we do believe in having something to believe in: in our case, a society based on love and mutual support rather than competition, fear and self-hate. And we recognise the value to people in deep trouble of having the support of others in the same boat.

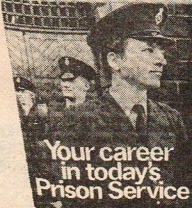
J What about your relationships with other people?

M Mm-hm. Oh man, I avoid those sort of things. I don't relate, I can't relate.

But it's got to be continuing support.

This free booklet could change your life

We only act under orders - that's the nature of our job. We work under very harsh conditions... like we have very poor toilet facilities so we have to urinate in prisoners' tea. We like to think of the folks in the cells as our



friends, but we fail to because they can see through us like glass. But it's a nice uniform and we all stick together when there's a riot - we don't see nothing! TURN A SCREW OR TWO WITH US - The more the nastier.

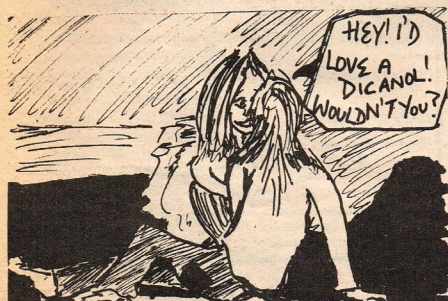
Get up! We're gonna have the windows open, everything. Fresh air! I'm gonna go and open this door. I mean it. I'm fed up, I mean it.



M I'm in a temper. I hate it here. I want to go home right now. It's Sunday, man, I hate Sunday.

J Where's the dustbin?

M The whole floor looks like a dustbin, I mean take your pick. It's all a dustbin as far as I'm concerned. Look at it. And no-one can blame me for it. Disgusting.



J I'd love a dicanol, wouldn't you? Of course you would, admit it. The thing is that both of us

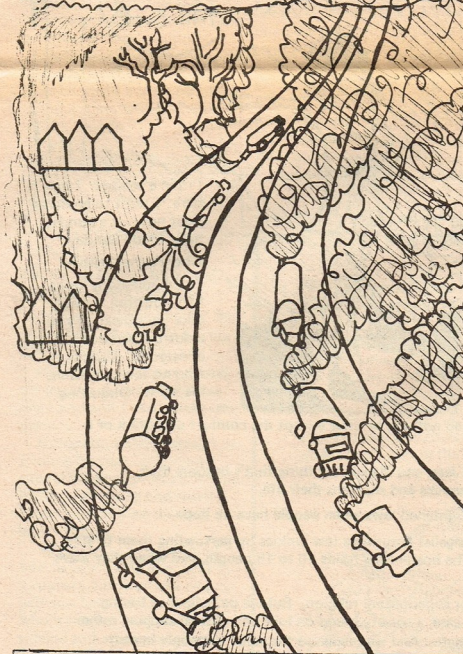
people can usually get me first time. The one on my hand, I used to get on my own. It's

The Land should belong to Us!

MOTORWAY GREED

THE MOTORWAY to Cambridge isn't being used, most of us prefer to use the old A11 or A10. Who wants to go to Stratford in the East End to start the trip? So the Ministry of Transport is now messing about with signs to make it difficult to find the A11. That way we'll have to use the motorway or get lost before Bishops Stortford.

So it's not necessary, we don't need the multi-million-pound motorway. Wasted resources. Only the road-building industry is smiling. Some jobs, but more profit for the captains of industry.



Roughly fifty miles long, let's see how much land it takes up Three lanes each way, 10 ft each, two hard shoulders, a central strip with barrier, call it 90ft across. Really much more but at least the huge embankments can grow grass and a few trees.

ARITHMETIC

The sum for this narrow motorway is 30 yds x (50 x 1760) yds (1760 x 1760) sq. yds.

$$= 1500 = .85 \text{ sq. miles.}$$

This doesn't mean much in itself—a sea of tarmac, but let's look at our houses. Not battery housing in tower blocks, but terraced houses—covering, say, 8 x 8 sq. yds—their gardens being more use than motorway embankments.*

How many can we fit into the Cambridge motorway?
 $.85 \times 1760 \times 1760 = 41,340.$

$$8 \times 8$$

and if three people live in one terraced house that's a population of over 120,000! End of arithmetic.

CROWDED ISLAND

Whenever immigration gets mentioned you get told that Britain is too crowded. Small wonder with these scalextric tracks for metal aliens in our midst!

Yes, we do want more land to be used by agriculture—we need it to live, but it's not us people gobbling it up. It's the greedy road haulage, road construction and motor industries who are taking it. Narrow strips yes, but 300 miles of M6 and M5, 200 miles of M1, 250 miles of M4 and other bits all over the place.

Your land, their profits.

Most of this series is meant to look at the nicer things, that are disappearing. This ugly article comes to shock us at the arithmetical horror of motorway greed. And all this at a time when dangerous loads have caused deaths while the railways go idel. The Cambridge motorway is the latest of these obvious vandalisms.

LETTERS

Dear Bread and Roses,

Your paper's the most down-to-earth anarchist paper I've ever seen and it's still (?) alive and interesting. I think it's what the anarchist movement needs to break into any sort of "mass" circulation (good luck in your aim for a daily!).

I have mixed feelings about the ACA. I can see it giving a sense of identity to those of us isolated and alienated in a hostile world, and support for propaganda in areas where few anarchists tread (I don't know if this is what the organization's for or not). But, although I've never worked in an anarchist group (for more than a couple of days), a criticism of your association that one comrade mentioned (and seems to make sense to me from here) is that a strong ACA group would take on more and more responsibility for the association nationally and cease to be an activist group locally (which is a selfish use of the group's energy by any outlying individuals, unless of course the ACA is simply a propaganda organization). Anyway enough pontificating; good luck for the future.

*I don't like this word, it reminds me of a heaving sea of green slime but right now I can't think of another one.

Love,
Jeremy Gould

Excerpts from another reader's letter:

I liked the article by "Daddy Cool". As an aficionado of Fifties rock and roll myself it saddens me that it should be identified with the ultra-right whereas punk, which I can't abide, is identified with anti-racism and the left.

Terry Liddell

Daddy Cool comments:

Wot's an "aficianado"? Is being associated with this paper going to mean I've got to buy a dictionary?

Anyway I'm pleased to hear from somebody who likes real rock and roll and can't stand . . .

that punk stuff.

A lot of Teds, like a lot of everybody else, don't think much about politics.

Of course there are some morons with right wing attitudes but again you can find them among any section of the population.

If I want to look properly dressed in a drape suit instead of going around like something the cat dragged in that don't make me a right-winger.

As for racialism, well what about Little Richard, Fats Domino, Chuck Berry? Everybody knows that even among white people rock and roll came about from a sort of mixing of black rhythm and blues with white country music.

The same reader writes about another article in the first issue:

Being something of a Malthusian I wasn't happy with the article on "The Anti-People Movement". There are physical limits to the number of people the Earth and its resources can support. As libertarians we should be explaining the issues so that we can encourage people to limit their reproduction voluntarily. It is interesting to note that reactionary institutions such as the Roman church which need a large docile "flock" are in the vanguard of anti-birth control agitation. There is also the important issue of women having the material means to decide what to do with their own bodies.

Angus MacDonald comments:

MALTHUS WAS A WANKER.

I didn't write that article but I live with the woman who did. During over 20 years of active sex life she has practised all forms of contraception.

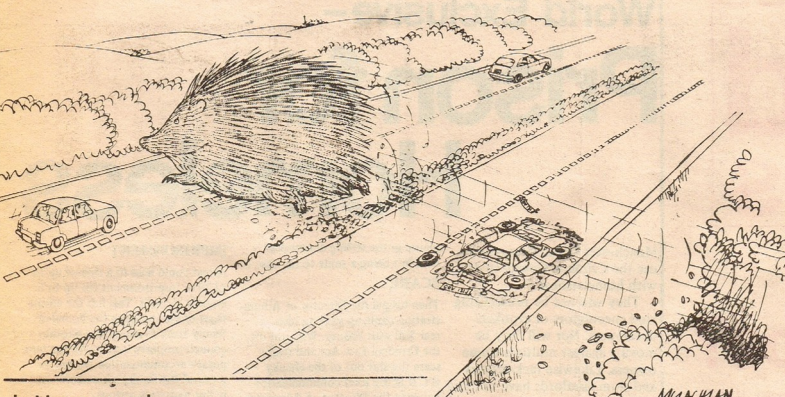
She has three children, one before she met me and two since. Only the last (a wonderful bairn) was "unplanned". While she was pregnant with him we decided "no more", so I had a vasectomy.

The article she wrote was not against contraception, though I can see that this might not have been obvious to everybody.

It was against the world-wide campaign for population limits led by such characters as David Rockefeller and Dr. Ravenholt director of the U.S. Office of Population.

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MIDDLE LEAD As defined by H.M. Government
 H.M. Government Health Departments' WARNING:
 CARS CAN SERIOUSLY DAMAGE YOUR HEALTH



letters cont.

It is one thing being in favour of people having the means to plan their family.

It is quite another supporting a movement which is seeking to persuade or force them to limit their family to an ideal figure decided by the Rockefellers. Especially when the economic means of persuasion, such as low tax allowances, are aimed more at the working class.

WHAT LIMITS?

As was clearly shown in the quotations in that article, for some birth control organisations persuasion is not enough. They are in favour of legislation.

They are backed up by capitalist economists who say that there are already too many people in the world. Though he doesn't actually say so, our reader apparently believes this.

I reject this as primitive superstitious nonsense. We are nowhere near the limits of Earth's possible

population and long before we are humanity will have reached for the stars.

There is no food shortage on Earth, just a problem of distribution.

WHO'S A CATHOLIC ALREADY?

As for that bit about the Roman Catholic church! This is the old business of guilt by association. It's like saying "Adolf Hitler was a vegetarian. Therefore vegetarians are all fascists."

Personally, my parents brought me up to regard anything connected with the Roman church with the deepest suspicion.

When I became an anarchist, anti-clericalism was added to my deep-rooted protestant hatred of popery.

The woman who wrote "The Anti-People Movement" is a Jewish atheist, anarchist and feminist.

If you think you can see the hand of Rome in all this, you're even more bigoted than I am.

We sit and WAIT...

They watch the red and gold of morning swim across the cold grey dawning
We watch the blacks and whites of humanity squirm and bleed with insanity

The people with all the bread would not listen to what we said
Their eyes were disdainful
and they said it was shameful
but we still sit and wait

The crowds shift and shout
while the rich still move about
"But the time will come!"
said the man with the gun
Meanwhile we'll sit an' wait.

Normy Fire-station

Letters, articles, enquiries about ACA membership, to any of the following:

Birmingham

Bob Prew
13 Trinity Court
Trinity Road
Aston, Birmingham 6

Burnley

Jim Petty
5 Hollin Hill
Burnley, Lancs.

Glasgow

Dave Carruthers
53 Ormonde Ave.
Glasgow G4

ACA

London

Gary Holden
88 Speedwell House
Comet St.
Deptford
London SE8

Soviet SS

The persecution, arrest and trial of Russian intellectuals has been well publicised in the West. Less has been heard about the repression of Russian workers, but in the long run (and even in the not so long run) such dissidents are a far greater threat to the tottering monolith of "communism" (or state capitalism, to describe it more accurately).

In January 1978 the "Association of Free Trade Unions of Workers in the Soviet Union" was formed. On February 1st they issued an "Appeal to the Inter-

party controls the state, all work places, and the official trade unions. Dissidents are sacked then accused of parasitism because they're unemployed!

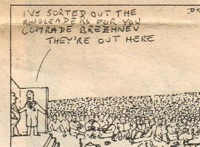
A lot of the members, besides being denied the right to work, have also been imprisoned or put in psychiatric hospitals (in Russia they reckon that anybody who criticises the way things are run must be nuts).

Typical was the experience of VLADIMIR KLEBANOV who has been a principal organiser and spokesman of the independent union. He worked for 16 years as a miner at the Bazhanova pit in the Donetsk region. As early as

Shaky

It is significant that, despite persecution, these workers feel strong enough to openly organise independently of the official unions.

This must also indicate that they represent much wider discontent in Russia than would appear from their number.



Aged 39. Labourer. Married with one son. Served six years in prisons and Labour Colonies between 1960-66. After his release was subject to stringent post-release regulations and not allowed to live in Moscow. In this period wrote "My Testimony", a vivid account of Soviet Prison conditions. 1968. Again arrested & sentenced to one year in a Corrective Labour Colony. While serving this sentence he was



Anatoly Marchenko, USSR

charged with "Anti-Soviet Slander" and another two years was added to his sentence. Released in 1971 he was re-arrested in 1975 and charged with violation of post-release regulations and exiled to Chuna in Irkutsk province (Siberia) for four years. In 1976 wrote "From Tarusa to Chuna" - the story of his arrest, confinement, trial, transportation & 53 day hunger-strike. Is still subject to intense harassment in his exile.

national Labour Organisation and to the workers' trade unions in Western Countries". This document was signed by 43 people

Besides the 43 signatories 110 other people were listed as members of the union and a note was attached explaining that other workers wished to be members but didn't wish their names to be made public at present.

Persecution

Most of the members are unemployed. The reason for this is obvious enough - the "Communist"

1960 he attempted to form an independent union amongst miners. The authorities stopped this "anti-Soviet activity" but didn't sack him.

He became a foreman but was sacked in 1968 for refusing to assign overtime to his men or send them onto jobs where he believed safety standards were not met.

He was then put in a maximum security mental hospital until 1973. On release his personal labour book was stamped "dismissed in connection with arrest" - thus ensuring he stayed unemployed.

We believe the Russian regime to be much shakier than is generally supposed.

The leadership of our own Amalgamated Engineering Union have broken off all contact with the official Russian unions, which is a good thing.

And yet - ask yourself, what would be the reaction of the right wing bureaucrats of the AEU if British workers were to seek to form an independent union in the engineering industry? It isn't only the Russian top brass which sees that kind of thing as a threat.

Bread & Roses

Contract on Pope?

The Vatican has a long history of internal feuding. The characteristic style of silent and hidden violence was set by the Borgias, who were notorious poisoners.

Don't say it couldn't happen nowadays - how could anybody know? The Vatican is an independent

state, a law unto itself, with its own secret police.

"But the Pope was an old man" - well, of course if it wasn't natural, some people would be counting on you saying that. And it wouldn't be the first time a human hand had hastened time's winged chariot.

SIX CONTENDING MOBSTERS



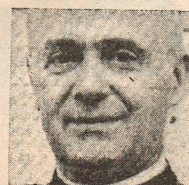
Jean Villot, 73. Curia; Secretary of State.



Jan Willebrands, 69. Archbishop of Utrecht.



Sergio Pignedoli, 68. Curia. Keeps a file of 10,000 acquaintances.



Giovanni Benelli, 57. Archbishop of Florence. Once Pope's right-hand man.



Pericle Felici, 67. Curia.



Michael Pellegrino, 75. Former Archbishop, Turin.

World Exclusive- Prison for Homeless

Manchester Council hopes to use the Criminal Courts to deal with homelessness.

They will not be prosecuting land speculators or crooked developers. Nor will they be moving against multiple home owners. Likewise rack-renters and slum landlords have nothing to fear.

It is the homeless who are to be punished—especially those who fight back. Squatters could face heavy fines or even imprisonment.

queues in the letting department couldn't bring a smile to his lips.

SCARE

Then his pal the Director of Administration came up with an idea—a real 500 watt beauty. Why not use the Criminal Law Act and really scare the shit out of the cheeky B's. It is top level communication between the Director of Administration and the Director of Housing which has fallen into our hands.

The procedure is fairly simple. When an empty property is discovered to be occupied, an "intending occu-

IMPRISONMENT

Arrest could lead to a fine of up to £100 or imprisonment for up to 6 months or both. This has the advantages of discouraging the homeless family from re-occupying another council property, and providing temporary accommodation for one or more of the family's breadwinners... in her majesty's prisons.

Meanwhile the rest of the family can double up with any of their friends or family who can have them—unless the Social Workers get their cadaverous hands on them.



sonment for the "crime" of occupying an empty house..

SECRET MEMORANDUM

BREAD AND ROSES has received a secret internal memorandum which shows that the Manchester Council intend to twist the Criminal Law Act (1977) to deal with squatters.

Previously the Council had a lot of problems evicting squatters. Getting the Civil Courts to issue a possession order could take up to 12 weeks. What was worse, a high proportion of the cheeky blighters moved into other council houses as soon as they were evicted.

The director of housing was quite distracted—he didn't touch his 'monopoly' board for weeks and even the

pier" has to be found—preferably someone on the housing list who is both desperate and submissive.

THE ESTATE AGENTS IN BLUE

A certificate is then issued to this person, stating that they are the "intending occupier". All that has to be done then is arrange to meet a Police Constable at the house. The squatter must be shown the certificate and asked to leave without warning.

Naturally the squatters may be a little upset at being chucked into the street with all their possessions.

However this would please the council very well. For if the squatters can be provoked into protesting or delaying, they can be arrested on the spot.

Apart from his "friends" one who wasn't a Freemason) was assassinated in circumstances which have never been satisfactorily cleared up.

Remember also that the only Catholic President of

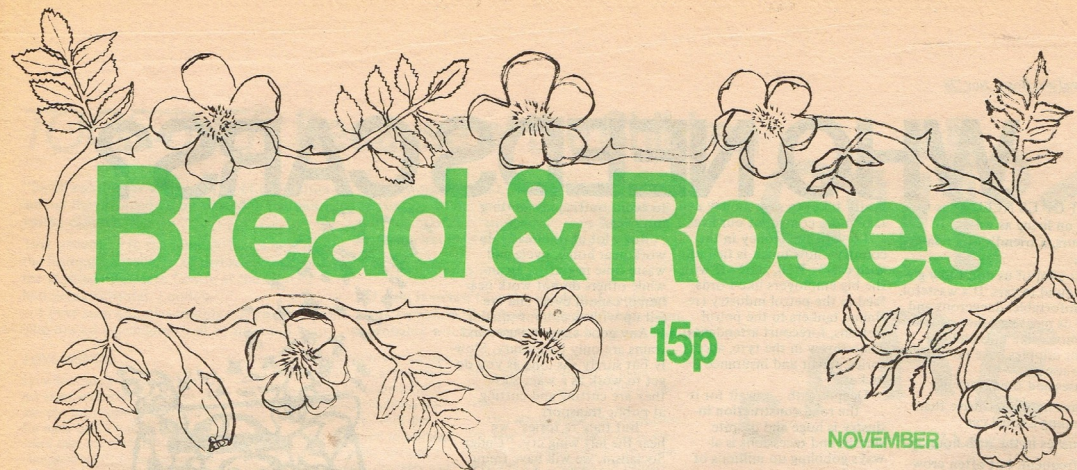
the U.S.A. (and the only one who wasn't a Freemason) was assassinated in circumstances which have never been satisfactorily cleared up.

If the editors of Bread and Roses are all still alive in a month we can probably assume that the Pope did die a natural death.

The idea of moving a squatter out and then moving an 'official' tenant in, helps the council to perpetuate the myth that squatters occupy tenanted property or jump the housing queue.

However we also have documents which prove this is not the case in Manchester or any other city... Manchester Council has presently got 6,500 empty houses in the inner city alone. Many houses have remained empty for over a year and the average time a house remains empty is 16 weeks.





PAPER OF THE ANARCHIST COMMUNIST ASSOCIATION.

CAR WARS!

AT FORD (UK) THE COMPANY MADE WELL OVER of strength. Support for HALF A BILLION POUNDS PROFIT in the last 2½ years. their strike is necessary Terry Beckett, Ford (UK) chief executive, has been for it to succeed, but their given an 80% rise to celebrate these massive profits. struggle is equally ours. The workers, of course, were offered 5%.

The £20 extra per week which Ford workers demand year's wages is making would merely give them the buying power that they had you no better off, you four years ago. probably know this.

Soaring

The demand is coupled with a demand for a 35-hour week, which is in response to dole queues soaring over the 1½ million mark. A shorter working week at Fords could create 3,300 more jobs in the Ford plants alone.

Shocked

Naturally, the bosses and the government don't want the Ford workers to win - they are shocked that they even made their demands. Those demands are not designed to please the bosses.

Challenge

To demand more than 5% is to challenge the government itself, just as the miners called the Heath government's bluff in 1974.

Share the Profits

The demands by Ford workers were limited to what the company could afford without putting the prices of the cars up. What they demand, therefore, is that

the profits be shared amongst the workers.

Control

The struggle at Fords is not, then, merely a fight

Latest

As we go to press, the union has rejected the latest offer of 12½%, of which 4½% was to be given on con-



Cortina Quandary

for higher wages and a shorter working week. It is a fight for workers control - to TAKE AWAY FROM THE BOSSES AND GOVERNMENT THE POWER TO DECREE WHAT THE WORKERS GET FOR WHAT THE WORKERS DO.

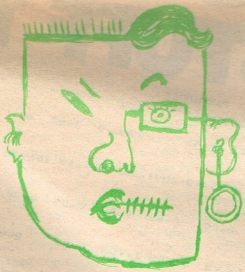
Strength

The Ford workforce is big enough to make this show

dition of good attendance - a comment on the working conditions at Fords. The union knew that the workers wouldn't stand for this insulting and divisive "good behaviour" money. (Remember from our last issue the finding that health and lifespan are worst among factory and building workers, especially those on incentive schemes.)

ARMED ROBBERY

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN OR ANYONE RESEMBLING HIM?



If you have any information about the subject of the above Identikit picture, please contact the Investigating Officer at the following number:

800-2334	(left side of face)
800-2335	(right side of face)
800-2336	(if suspect was over 5'8")
800-2337	(if suspect was under 5'8")
800-2338	(if suspect was male - at least we're ^{almost} sure of that much. Quite frankly, it could have been anyone.)

HELP US FIGHT CRIME!

WHO NEEDS CARS?

MOST OF US NEED a car to carry on living as we do. If not ours, a friend's or a relative's.

But a lot of us don't like going around in cars. It's wasteful, uncomfortable, dangerous and stops us meeting other people. Still more, like kids and old folk or cripples have no-one's car to use.

Buses and trains give us:

- * Fares more expensive than running a small car.
- * Crushes in the rush hours.
- * Infrequent, but often crowded, buses and trains outside rush hours
- * Cattle-truck conditions of comfort; with modern buses, jerky movements
- * Slower one-man bus services
- * No service at night.

So, if we can, we use cars or

motor bikes to save money and take more control of our lives.

Look at the money in the country—how much is tied up with cars? Well, start off with the big employers like Fords, feed in the petrol industry (refining, tankers to the petrol stations, forecourt attendants). Then throw in the tyre, accessories, repair and insurance rackets.

Deep breath... wait for it... the road construction industry is huge and despite slumps and recessions is always gobbling up millions of pounds.

When you hear someone talk of capitalism, they mean the motor car industry!

WHAT CAN WE DO?

It would be only too easy to say "I should work within walking distance of home." "I'll cycle." "I'll just leave earlier

to avoid traffic jams/getting run over."

But a lot of us already do work near home, cycle and waste time in traffic. Meanwhile others do not work near home, cannot cycle and are fed up with rush-hour squalor.

Any good signs in buses and trains are only temporary. Slowly but surely—as long as you do get to work as a wage slave—they are cutting and cutting at public transport.

"But they're Tories" we hear the left wing cry. "Under Socialism, we will have frequent, comfortable, cheap public transport!" They believe the new buses and trains will throng with happy citizens sweltering in the sunny glare of the nice State.

PULL THE OTHER ONE

Some local councils do now run cheap frequent buses. They



do fill up. They are no more un-economic than the more run-down services most of us suffer.

But they still have the absurd idea of service paying for itself. Socialism is just slower in using the chopper.

The non-capitalist public transport is harder to get. But the more the Tories and socialists hack up today's buses, the nearer it comes.

It is already cheaper for a

family of four near Ashford in Kent, to travel by taxi than by bus!

At that rate it is very soon that communities and groups will organise their own coaches and buses. They will say how often the bus runs, they will say how many and what routes. They will levy no fares because they have set up the service. They will be hated by the motor car factories, the bosses' stranglehold will be broken.

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STUFF THE 5%**

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Pay Date: 26 02 78
Pay To: 2591.36
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Tax Code: 096L 0 4-80 00
Gross Pay: 133.09 00
Less: Tax 74.95
Net Pay: 58.14

Other Deductions:
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ROTOCROP

TOGETHER Because of the Children

"Significantly, the vast majority of difficulties among the divorced group started in families with young children."

This, according to the Sunday Times, was one of the findings of a survey of divorce carried out at the Marriage Research Centre at the Central Middlesex Hospital, London.

I have seen a similar finding elsewhere. No-one who has young children will be surprised by it.

J OYLESSNESS

How does anyone expect people to get along well when they never have any pleasures together, any privacy for more than a brief hour (if that) when they are dead tired, or even enough money to manage comfortably (families with children are nowadays recognised as being markedly worse-off financially than the childless).

How is a woman in what the papers laughably call "these days of Women's Lib" supposed to feel any-

thing but resentment towards a man that she has to live off, a man who comes home and talks about the interesting, "liberated" childless women he's met at work, while she herself has been reduced to a drudge.

If people were noble martyrs, a life of shared poverty, drudgery and joylessness might bind them closer together. In real life, it drives them apart.

EDUCATION

Naturally, the experts don't suggest

The wonder is that so many relationships manage to survive the years of child-raising. Indeed, how many of the "successful" ones survive in anything but legal status or loveless residence together?

As a friend put it to me once—

"If only it weren't for the children, I could get away from him. But then, if we didn't have them I probably wouldn't want to get away from him."

anything in the way of practical help. What they suggest is more "education about the pitfalls of marriage".

That creates more jobs for experts. It's quite common nowadays to see people advocating courses for young people in the "realities" of parenthood—it's rare to see them advocating changes in the realities.

"Women", the Times articles tell us, "often need to be educated about the changes they will encounter when they start families—for instance the

loss of economic independence." Educated, or brainwashed?

DRONES

People are already well enough aware of the hardships of raising children for the average family size to have shrunk to 1.7 children.

If "Why did you have them, then?"

is the only response to parent's complaints about either low incomes or lack of relief from children, the logical outcome is a steadily declining population produced by a minority of the rich or the exceptionally self-sacrificing, while the majority are drones who accept that they must forego reproduction if they're to be allowed any other satisfactions in life.

ACCEPTANCE

People accept that childraising must be a misery and a martyrdom. One correspondent commenting on the Sunday Times article advocates a period of living together and enjoying life before getting married (apparently she associates marriage with children), and concludes prissily "Marriage is for grownups". A working class mother quoted in a Guardian article by Polly Toynbee says "It isn't likely that they'll (her children) have what they want later on, is it? Once they've got married and have kids it'll be all uphill."

Why do we, the parents, go on accepting this? Why don't we demand some life, not mere endurance, during the years when our children most need cheerful, hopeful, strong parents—the years when they are very young. Is it a crime to have children? Why must we think guiltily of ourselves as "irresponsible" or "immature" because we rebel against the conditions in which we are expected to raise them?

We need shared child-care in order to raise our children happily and successfully. Not just occasional evening "baby-sitting", with early rising and a fatigue-wrecked day ahead of us, but weekends and holidays.

We need shared child-care to free women from the hell of dependency and low status.

YEARS

Some may be thinking "But people have raised their own children for thousands of years without complaining. Now suddenly, in these hard times, you're asking for free baby-sitting."

A lot of oppressions were endured and taken for granted, even by their victims, for thousands of years until they were done away with—and now we look back on them and shudder. I hope that in fifty years shared child-care will be the rule, not the exception and people will look back on the oppression of parents in the isolated 20th-century family, and shudder.

MEANTEST TO HAVE KIDS

"Poverty and Family Planning" is the subject of a publication, now in the draft stage, to be issued next year by the Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) together with the Family Planning Association. (FPA).

The latter's views are anti-working class and anti-single parent. They want to do away with large families and with out-of-wedlock births.

They are affiliated with the International Planned Parenthood Federation, itself in close contact with the Planned Parenthood World Population organisation, whose members have openly advocated compulsory birth control of a type which would discriminate against poor people.

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APART BECAUSE OF THE CHILDREN

Same Old Tricks Everywhere

The Christian-Democrat Government, under Prime Minister Van Agt, recently told the country of their new economic plan called "Bestek '81" (Horizon '81). The main purpose of this plan is to 'save money' in order to fight the 'crisis' hitting Holland.

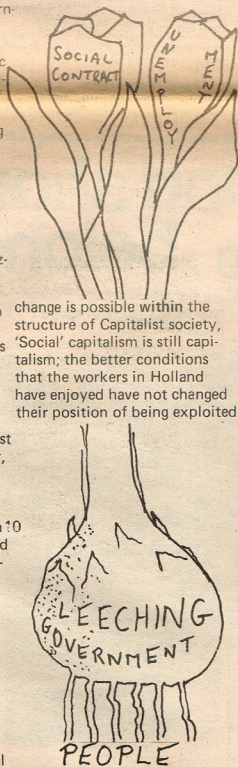
LET THE WORKERS PAY!

That could be the real name of this new plan. Indeed, its 'package' consists of reducing social security payments, freezing the wages, less money for the building of council housing, while increasing state help to private industry. In return the three million wage-workers will have to pay £2,500m. In Because, of course, the working class is the one which will have to bear 'sacrifices' while the profits will go to the biggest Dutch firms (Phillips, Unilever, AKZO etc).

The consequences of "Bestek '81" are easy to forecast: for example, it will mean from 10 to 11,000 building workers and over 100,000 white collar workers becoming unemployed.

THE END OF A DREAM?

The former social-democrat government had raised the hopes of many workers with slightly improved social services, a few 'socialist laws' and slogans like:—"We're gonna change this society!". Now they have to realise that no real



by the bosses and by the state. And now, just as everywhere else, unemployment is growing (200,000 people at the beginning of 1978), and small factories are closing every week.

SO WHAT ALTERNATIVE?

The Dutch unions will, of course, organise a few protest meetings and demonstrations, maybe even a few strikes! All this is order to bring back a new Social-Democrat government.

Today, more than ever, it is up to the workers themselves to realise that the solution is not in the return of any government. Christian-Democrats, Social-Democrats are the two sides of the capitalist coin, just like the Tories and Labour in Great Britain. None of these parties want to abolish wage-slavery and the market economy. They both have to carry the task of helping capitalism restructure itself.

Bestek '81 (just like phases I, II, III, etc... in GB, the 'plan Barre' in France and many others) is the way capitalism is restructuring in this country. More than ever the only possible alternative is to organize in all places of work—in factories, in fields, and in local districts—the co-ordination of workers and working class people, fighting for workers autonomy in order to smash the system, its parties, and its unions.

Child-CARE

bulletin

POVERTY GROUP TO ADVOCATE BIRTH CONTROL FOR LOWER CLASSES?

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When Keith Joseph made his speech four years ago (headlined by one of the dailies as "Birth Control for the Lower Classes"), the FPA issued a weak dissent saying that they opposed compulsion, but felt that social classes 4 and 5 (semi- and unskilled workers) should be able to avoid having more children than they could afford.

AFFORD?

This "afford" approach always begs the question of *why* some afford more than others. It implies that it's only proper for those condemned

by the class structure to a lifetime of unskilled work to suffer the further penalty of being poor.

In other words, it implies that some people are inherently better than others.

And that—whether or not it's linked in people's minds with colour or ethnic group—is *racism*.

DISTORTION?

Actually, Keith Joseph's speech used material from CPAG's magazine "Poverty" to make his point. Frank Field accused Joseph of



misrepresenting the material, and wrote: "The Wynns' article shows that an increasing proportion of children is being born to young mothers and that many of these mothers are poor. The need therefore to share more equitably the cost of raising our next workforce becomes even more important. This was totally ignored by Sir Keith who went on to talk about the degeneration of the race."

So why is CPAG now holding hands with the FPA?

Voluntary contraception available to individuals to use in their individual lives is a most useful thing.

ONE-PARENT-FAMILY KIDS' BOOKS

There are a lot of kids with single parents nowadays, and they must feel a bit left out by the Daddy-Mummy-Dick-and-Jane pattern of most children's books.

A catalogue of books which portray one-parent families in a positive light is available for 25p from the National Council for One-Parent Families, 255 Kentish Town Rd, London NW4 2LX.

Why not get the list and suggest to your child's school or nursery school (the age range covered starts at 2), or to the library, that they include some of the books, if they haven't got them already.

But in an unequal society, to suggest birth control as a social solution to poverty, even in the most practical, short-term spirit, is a policy ridden with anti-working class feeling.

IGNORANT?

Sometimes supporters of that policy claim that poor women are ignorant of family planning. According to E. Evason (CPAG Northern Ireland), writing in response to the Joseph speech, the Wynns (who wrote the original article in "Poverty") "say that as poorer, less educated women are less receptive to family planning advice then it may be necessary to make women not poor and better educated in the future." It's rubbish to suggest that anyone could be unaware of contraception, with FPA propaganda all over the place. Even if you're illiterate, once you have one child the hospital will be at you about your future contraception.

As for "receptive", isn't that their own business?

INEQUALITY

Behind the question of breeding and family rights lies the larger uglier question of inequality as it's promoted and upheld by the social system.

Without the aim of a classless society, middle-class people who want to "help the poor" are bound, despite the best of intentions, to end up in classist blind alleys like more birth control.

Frank Field, CPAG's director, may be presumed to have political ambitions. His name was on a list of those

Thatcher's Tame Scientists Prove Grapes are Sour

After the "milk-snatcher" tag was attached to Mrs Thatcher she asked the Department of Health to investigate the effects of withdrawal of free milk for junior school, and the Medical Research Council carried out the project.

Surprise: they found the milk wasn't needed anyway.

In fact, says Professor Archie Cochrane who was a director of the Medical Research Council, "Now overnutrition is probably a more serious problem. The money would be better spent on school books".

That's why Britain isn't a first-class power any more; it's all those bloated kids.

BACKWARD

The EEC disagrees. It's handing out free milk to about 2 million children of our poor backward nation, afflicted as it is by politicians like Thatcher.

A Dutch survey ("School Milk and Intellectual Achievements" by Defares, publisher Van Gorcum, 1967, cited by a doctor writing to the Times in response to the Medical Research Council story) also disagrees.

But never mind, it's probably a biased report produced by raging socialists with an axe to grind.



MORE

I've heard rumours that the Medical Research Council study will be followed by further objective scientific studies of social problems, including:

*—A study sponsored by the Council for British Industry (CBI) which proves that work-

ers working a 10-hour day live longer than those working a 7-hour day. It's true that the 7-hour workers were all given large doses of arsenic at the end of the study and died, but this isn't considered statistically significant, because a control group of other 7-hour workers were also given arsenic, without being told the purpose of the experiment, and they died, too.

*—A study by the Labour Party proving that unless average real incomes decline by 4% per year, at the end of 15 years the earth will fall into the sun. Sorry but there's nothing anyone can do about this: see irrefutable proof in Graph A.

*—A study which proves that by 1991 micro-electronics will have made everyone redundant except Fred Bloggs, who will then become ruler of the world, "and high time" (P.75) Pamphlet available from F. Bloggs Research Foundation, The Vicarage, "Sand Dunes", Birmingham, 95p.

The Land should belong to Us!

YEARS AGO Mrs Thatcher was not a boring old bag in Parliament, but the wife of a craftsman, she probably did as much useful work as Mr. Thatcher.

It's his work we are going to look at now, the old country style of putting a roof over our heads.

Pretty, yes, but didn't it catch alight easily? Didn't it blow away? What's wrong with tiles? Well... yes it could, it would and nothing's wrong with tiles for keeping rain off.

LOFT INSULATION

But the straw in thatched roofs

up for trade union approval as prospective parliamentary candidates in the borough of Camden, with a high "poor" population.

Think again, Mr Field. Who are your prospective constituents—poor families, or the middle-class charity business, begging for us with one hand and cutting off our balls with the other?

did the job of today's pricey rolls of fibre glass in keeping the heat in. What's more, in summer, it kept the house cooler. That means food wouldn't go

off so fast and you'd sleep better on a hot night.

Fire safety

They can treat straw so it doesn't burn at all easily (unlike your plastic kitchen tiles). So that worry's out!

And today we can—and do—keep it all in with chicken wire. In one piece, it's too bloody heavy to blow away.

What is difficult now is that the straw isn't grown too long—short straw doesn't fall over and lose the grain. Sensible idea when growing food but no comfort for the thatchers still in business.

And that brings us back to Mr Thatcher while he's supporting his wife while she helps control our every movement by class class tyranny, there's less people to do the job.

Perhaps we will have to have courses on roof engineering at colleges. Of course they won't be able to do it any better, but that's progress!



Roof undergoing a fresh thatching.

BLUE-BLOODED NAZIS

The frightening stories below are from the latest issue of SEARCHLIGHT. The other

Nazi parties mentioned are nastier than the National Front.

Kensington Library was again the venue for a meeting organised by the League of St. George, held on Saturday September 9. Local ratepayers might like to know that this open Nazi umbrella organisation ran true to form with an hour long film show, consisting of three short films from Hitler Germany.

National Front member Jim McIntyre then showed a ten minute film on this years international fascist rally at Diksmuide, Belgium, and spoke afterwards about the feeling of unity he found there and the glory of the Flemish members of the Waffen SS.

Amongst the literature on sale were US army manuals on unconventional warfare and the manufacturing of incendiary devices which were sold out very quickly. Also available was a picture book called *National Socialist Leaders* and plaster cast busts of Adolf Hitler.

The majority of the 120 or so participants were members of the National Front, but there were also members of British Movement (including Peter Marriner), the small British United Party, the National Socialist Party (UK).

Dick Partridge who has been active in extreme-right wing activity in Rhodesia was also present, and full of talk about the strong possibility of a coup as the extreme-right gathers strength and influence in the forces.

Another interesting participant was Eddie Morrison from Leeds, former leader of the defunct thug group, the British National Party, who is awaiting trial for assault. He was claiming that he had applied to rejoin the NF and had spoken to Tyndall who had indicated that he may well be readmitted in the near future.

League leader, Keith Thompson referred to Diksmuide when he opened the meeting confirming what *Searchlight* has always claimed it to be: "Some people say it is a Nazi pilgrimage. Well it is".

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Happy farmer: Frank Arden in one of his granaries, between the golden riches of new grain and the silvery glint of his Rolls.

Whose Anti-Nazi League?

The Anti Nazi League could be said to be one of the success stories of the decade. In less than 12 months it has flourished all over the country, it is quoted in the press and its opinions are sought by the media in a most flattering manner. In London the ANL organised a Carnival that drew 80,000 people on to the streets and in Manchester 30,000 people attended another enjoyable jamboree. Yet with all this success, its numerical strength and the arty names on the sponsoring list it is time we looked at the ANL quite closely.

Essentially the ANL is an authoritarian body. The Controlling Committee is self-appointed and co-option is made without reference to the membership. When the ANL held a conference in July it was widely hoped that it would democratise the organisation. Instead it concentrated on the expected general election. Any hope of a constitution to enable the rank and file to have a say in the running of the ANL was lost.

Now the intention is to oppose the Front in its frantic scramble for electoral success. The only alternative the ANL puts forward is eternal social democracy.

Immigration and Racism

For the fascists the most useful plank in their platform is the racialist one. "An end to immigration and a start to repatriation." This is in many people's opinion the crowd puller. But we have to look hard before we find any realisation of this in the Founding Statement of the ANL. Indeed the only thing it says on the matter is, "The British Nazis seek to make scapegoats of black people."

There is no mention of the economic policies that caused people to vent their spleen on black people, or the racist policies that set up black immigrants as "scapegoats". If we are to combat fascism on a positive level an understanding of these matters is essential. Why does not the ANL answer the questions?

Politics and the Front

The ANL sees the NF "emerging as a growing force in British politics". They mention that "in London alone they (the NF) received over 100,000 votes. In some recent by-elections they have pushed the Liberal Party into fourth place." This is an obvious cause for concern, especially for those Labour Lefts and Trots who founded the ANL last year. The NF have usually beaten the non-Labour Left at the polls and in one case (Mansfield) gave the Labour Left a fright.

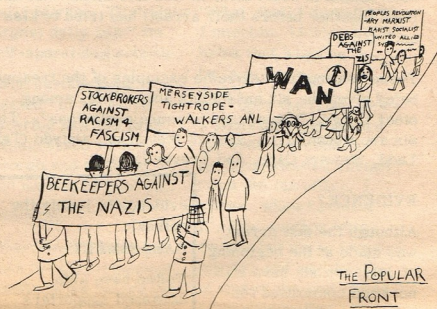
Still it is surprising that no mention is made in the Founding Statement of the ever-present threat of corporatism in the policies of the Labour Party. The gradual conversion

of the Trade Union movement into an arm of the state has been going on since the turn of the century at least, now there is no pretence of independence.

This plus the Labour Party's record in using troops to beat

initiative came at time of traumatic defeats for the Labour and non-Labour Lefts at the polls. There was great dissatisfaction amongst the voters and amongst the youth of the country, with the existing institutions of both right and left.

With its simplistic formulas concentrating on a very narrow aspect of political fascism, it ignores the contribution of the existing social-democratic order to the growth of the fascist right. It makes scapegoats of the lunatic fringe of fascism for the misdeeds of the present politicians. The ANL has sought to confuse and deceive work-



strikes, at least four times in the life of the present Government, give cause for great concern. The intervention of the Navy at Faslane, taken, according to the *News Line*, without Government permission poses a threat that cannot be ignored. All in all they point to a fascist initiative at least as dangerous as the NF intervention in politics.

Putsch

Another aspect of fascism not touched on by the ANL is the threat of an army or service takeover. This is not as far-fetched as it looks. The defeat of the Heath Government in 1972, by industrial action set many a middle-class heart beating in panic, and it is common knowledge that at this time there was discussion amongst middle-grade officers regarding the prospect and desirability of an army putsch. However according to the observer the senior Officer chosen to lead them put cold water on their ideas. According to *Time Out* 27-6-78 the spectre of an Army intervention is again raising its head. This is modern fascism Videla style.

The Anti Nazi League's Role

The Anti Nazi League was founded in November 1977 at the instigation, or initiative of the Socialist Workers Party. This

ing class youth and the electorate as a whole, when it calls for "the widest possible support". What it is really calling for is a popular front with the middle class.

This is an alliance between left and right on an agreed platform. Pre-war this led to disaster for the left in both Spain and France. Will it be any better now? Will the bourgeoisie and the politicians, possibly the main instigators of a fascist state, truly combat fascism? Yet this is what the alliance within the ANL would be about.

Combat and Answer

If we wish to combat the menace of fascism we must find out the cause of the fascist support. We must look clearly at the role of the main political and economic institutions, including Parliament and the Labour Party, and explain the purpose these bodies have played in the present situation.

We must put clearly our ideas for Workers Control and Workers Councils as alternatives in the fight against fascism and the fascist corporative state. We must clearly show that only when people have the responsibility for their own lives and the decision that effect their own lives will they truly begin to fight capitalism, and we must not forget ourselves that fascism is only the militant arm of capital.

rough

justice

"ROUGH FUCKING JUSTICE, ISN'T IT," Vince protested when denied bail. "IF I WAS A MEMBER OF THE LIBERAL PARTY AND HAD AN OLD MAN WHO WAS RICH, I'D BE OUT NOW." He was jumped on, punched and dragged from the court. Once alone in a cell, he was badly beaten by the police.

At the previous week's hearing Ronan Bennett had been beaten in court after he and Iris Mills (who had lived together before their arrest) had tried to kiss each other.

These beatings are extreme examples of the treatment being given the six anarchists accused of, among other things, "conspiracy to cause explosions". The six are Ronan, Iris, Vincent Stevenson, Dafydd (Taff) Ladd, Stewart Carr, and Trevor Dawton.

EVIDENCE?

Although the last arrest was made at the beginning of July, the six have still not been committed for trial. Committal proceedings are when the prosecution have to show the magistrate that they have enough evidence to proceed to a trial.

In this case, they're obviously having a hard time getting it together!

In the meantime, five of the six are still held as Category A (top security) prisoners in Brixton.

The sixth, Trevor Dawton, was released on bail at the remand hearing of September 28th, on two sureties of £10,000. He has to live with his parents, report to the local police station every day and be at home between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. each night.

It was at the same hearing that Vince Stevenson was refused bail because of "previous bad character", although the charges against him are similar to those against Trev, and although the police produced no concrete

evidence to justify the refusal.

HARASSMENT

Police have also harassed supporters and lawyers of the defendants. Around the time of the arrests a large number of raids were carried out up and down the country.

Some were no more than petty harassment, others resulted in floorboards being taken up and rooms stripped.

German friends of the accused have been questioned by the police and in one case stopped, searched and photographed at the airport.

RULES

The prisoners have been subjected to arbitrary rules about visits and receipt of books and letters. Ronan and Trev have both served stints in "the block" for supposed breaches of discipline.

Iris Mills, who for 2½ months was the only woman in the prison, has been singled out for especially harsh treatment.

At the beginning of her imprisonment she was denied visits for three weeks, even from her mother, and was allowed no association of any kind with other prisoners. She was held in a wing on her own, accompanied at all times by three female prison warders.

In response to protests by the defendants and their supporters, she was finally allowed to watch television for two hours a day, to write to Ronan, and to visit him once a week for 15 minutes.

These visits were held in a dirty room, 5 by 7 feet, in the presence of four warders. Iris had to pay for them by losing a social visit from an outside person on that day.

KHOULOU AND ASTRID

When Iris was joined in Brixton by Khouloud Moghrabi the TV was taken away and the two women were allowed five hours a day association with each other. But as they could not speak each other's language it was almost impossible to communicate.

The arrest of Astrid Proll on September 8th gave the prison authorities yet another excuse for harassment of the female prisoners. Their association has been cut even further, as only two of the three are allowed to associate at any one time.

This means that in a period of 2½ hours, the three women are arbitrarily chopped and

changed around, making it impossible for them to build up any kind of relationship.

"DANGEROUS"

Visits are only allowed to one prisoner at a time and visitors are searched and made to sign in and out of the visiting room. Books, writing materials etc. are now only accepted after a prior application to the governor.



And Iris can no longer have her knitting or typewriter in her cell as she might use them as "dangerous weapons" against the warders.

By contrast, male Category A prisoners are allowed to associate in groups of six upwards, have visits in the same room as three other prisoners, and are allowed books at the discretion of the accepting officer.

SOLIDARITY

PERSONS UNKNOWN, the group set up to support

the six, believe that Iris' treatment is a deliberate attempt to break her. The group is mounting a special campaign around her conditions and those of the other female prisoners in Brixton. (See next issue.)

For more information, or with offers of help, donations etc., contact Persons Unknown at Box 123, 182 Upper St., London N1.

Letters of solidarity to the prisoners can be sent to: Name and number Brixton Prison
Jebb Avenue
London SW2.

Iris Mills	DO 1993
Ronan Bennett	B 19617
Taff Ladd	B 19792
Stewart Carr	B 20185
Vince Stevenson	B 20621

PASSPORT TO DEATH

Astrid Proll has been arrested by the British Police under the immigration laws and faces extradition to a German high security prison.

She was arrested in West Germany in connection with Red Army Faction (R.A.F.) membership in May 1971 where she was tried but never sentenced.

Between 1971 and 1974 she was kept for two years in solitary confinement. In the silent wing of Koehn Ossendorf she was subjected to torture by sensory deprivation—the removal of all normal conditions of lighting, movement, and sound for a total of four and a half months.

She was released on temporary bail in 1974 on the recommendation of doctors who stated that if she remained in prison she would die. During her hospitalization she had to report daily to police.

If she is extradited she has every reason to fear for her life. Her own experience and that of other R.A.F. suspects (3 have been found hanged and 2 shot in their cells) shows that she faces certain death in a West German prison:—

National and international investigations have been instigated but these haven't been answered satisfactorily by the West German authorities.

VALUED WORKER

During the four years she has lived in England as Anna Puttick she worked first as a

gardener in Hackney, and as a fitter's mate in Lesney's toy factory in East London.

Then she trained as a car mechanic at Poplar skill centre, started a class in car maintenance for women, and when she was arrested, was working on a job creation project teaching mechanics to young unemployed.

She has always been active in community issues, where she worked, and where she lived. She is a committed feminist and anti-racist.

She has been under intense pressure for the past four years, having to hide her real identity and recover her health, after her ordeals in prison. Whilst attempting to piece together a new life for herself in England, she made many strong friendships, both through her work and socially. Her friends love her greatly and want her to live.

We strongly urge every possible support for her. You can support by joining the "Friends of Astrid Proll". Come to demonstrations, pickets, discuss and urge support within your own groups, unions, organisations etc.

Write letters to newspapers to publicise Astrid's situation. Send donations and letters of support. If you require any more information about future meetings and action, please contact:
'Friends of Astrid Proll'
27 Clerkenwell Close,
London EC1R 0AT.



relief from Paranoia

Black and afraid of being deported? Unemployed and afraid of being put in a labour camp? Old and afraid of being sent to the knackers?

The remarks of some politicians nowadays can induce raving paranoia in anyone. And paranoia is hell; it means going round in a nightmare. You know that your fears must be exaggerated at least somewhat, but you can't stop them dominating your life.

Here are some ideas which have worked for me.

- 1—It's no use telling yourself "it won't happen". Maybe it will. Some previously unimaginable things have happened in history. Anyway, you're in no condition to assess probabilities. So accept that the worst might happen.
- 2—Ask yourself "Do you secretly want it to happen?" It might have practical advantages, or provide escape from more immediate problems.
- 3—Do you hate feelings of basic unworthiness because of which you're doomed to suffer? You can't get rid of such feelings overnight, but you can detach them from your overriding specific fear. The old bastard may have chosen some other way of getting you.
- 4—Remember, there are others in the same boat—other blacks, claimants, old people, gays etc. And they're not all "doomed" are they? They're nice, ordinary, real people. They also offer the hope of solidarity in resistance.
- 5—Remember that there's always light at the end of the tunnel. Look how far we've come since the days of slavery, child labour, the workhouse. The last big push to a classless, loving society may be just round the corner!

A DAY ON THE DOLE

Nine o'clock Tuesday, signing on day, better get up before I drop off again. Switch on the radio—same old drivel. Pick up a copy of the Daily Mirror, "Britain's largest daily sale" its self-appraising subtitle.

"Iron curtain pope elected" in bold type covering half the page. Unimpressed I flick through and as usual find nothing of interest.

WARNING

Time flies! Better get down the unemployment benefit office before they cross me off their list. Left my signing-on card at home; a touchy c.s. gives me a piece of paper to write my name and address on.

"Bring it next time," the ominous warning I get as I turn to leave.

GOSSIP

Turn right into the Job Centre—devoid of humanoids except for three fierce-looking interviewers who look annoyed that I interrupted their gossip by slamming the door.

Trying to ignore their hostile stares I notice a board headed "Today's vacancies"—shorthand-typist 100 wpm, suit 18-year-old with O level Maths and English, LVs. Salary—£3237 p.a. Sounds good; pity I can't type 100 wpm and I haven't any O levels.

"If you don't see the job you require ask the adviser or drop in again

tomorrow." As I didn't want to interrupt their idle chatter I take the alternative and leave.

LETTER

"What shall I do today?" I mumble, kicking a brick that happens to be in my way.

As I open the front door a pleasant sight greets my eyes—it must be the long-awaited cheque from the tax office. I swear, when I realise it's just another letter requesting me to forward my P45 and any details of tips at my last job as a commis waiter.

I've already sent them bloody details! What does one have to do to get an extra bit of cash these days?

SHARE

I rip up the letter in disgust and enter the bedroom I share with my younger brother; I wish he'd dress his bed once in a while.

Go upstairs and see what kind of crap's on the television (seems a good idea at the time). Adverts, poxy adverts, when's the next programme on?

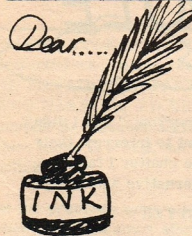
Oh no I don't believe it, News at ONE, introduced by Peter Sissons: "First iron curtain pope for 400 years". Sod all on the other side so I switch off.

As John Lydon said: "There's no fun on the dole"...

Peter Hughes

The Anti-terrorist Squad are the TERRORIST squad

LETTERS



Dear Comrades,

I was amused by your idea that 'Bread and Roses' should be a paper produced by the working class, for the working class.

Although your paper is full of class rhetoric, in common with most anarchists you lack any real class analysis. From the way you write off every other socialist paper as middle class, I can only guess that you think the working class comprises merely low-paid, unskilled manual workers, and that the bourgeoisie comprises everyone else.

Your paper which is part of the struggle in the field of ideology should expose these contradictions rather than imply, through a workerist conception of the working class, that they do not exist.

But this is comparatively unimportant as a criticism of 'Bread and Roses' as a paper 'for the working class'.

Can a paper so badly written and so sloppily put together ever hope to reach further than the circle of anarchist aficionados who read all the other anarchist papers? Your article are abstract, confusing, or uninformative.

From your refusal of dialogue with other left groups and your desire to address the working class I can only assume you are aiming to produce a mass paper with a circulation in five if not six figures. You will have to improve the layout first. I liked the price:

Marshall Colman.

We have cut this long letter to keep the points about the papers faults. M.C. does make a lot of other points about class analysis, but they are only meant for other academics, who don't often read 'Bread and Roses'.

Yes, the appearance is not polished, we're not professionals, we will get better. But we will never turn out yet another paper for university libraries and the 57 brands of socialist.

Nor will we dialogue with other left groups over the heads of ordinary people. These 'lefties' love elaborate theories, histories of past revolutions (or even fascist coup d'etat) but do not offer ordinary people hope of a society they can run themselves.



Dear Bread and Roses Collective,

My apologies are due to the two women—Maggie and Lou (not Jean)—part of whose conversation was reproduced in the second issue of 'Bread and Roses'. It was my intention to record an interview with Maggie concerning her life history to try and show how people can easily become dependent on drugs.

However, the interview was not made but, instead, Maggie and Lou themselves taped 90 minutes of the questions I had devised and their replies to them. Maggie was not happy with the tape and asked me to make sure that it would not be used for the paper, after I had already

In Burnley, Lancs, dogs have been banned from many parks. Resistance to the ban has led to some dog-owners being arrested.

Smug councillors, like Ms. M. Tomlinson, say in panic:—"Recently we have had the spectacle of ladies chaining themselves to railings and making threats."

Not content with stamping out this "threat to democracy", the council Mafia refuse to enter into discussion with the angry Pro-Dog Group. They have also tried to muzzle the local theatre group.

A local resident writes:—

Dear Friends,

We consider our council to be akin to fascists, and we are trying out damdest to get rid of them. It is a fact that the council is monopolized by R.C.'s and the mayor is a mormon.

We have it on good authority that Burnley is being used as a test case in the dogban by-law issue and that if the law stands it will be brought into force everywhere.

The latest venture by the council is an all out effort to get rid of theatre mobile our

submitted it. I forgot to go and get the tape back from 'Bread and Roses' or tell the editors that she didn't want it to be used, and so consequently the tape was edited and the article went in.

The article was maybe representative of a semi-stoned part of the conversation early one morning, but it hardly revealed any of the important aspects of their lives that related to how they began using drugs.

I can't agree with the assumption that you make—"having

something to believe in' and 'continuing support' is what is needed.

NOT EVERYONE WHO IS OPPRESSED SHARES OUR BELIEFS OF 'BETTER WORLD'.

For them there is nothing better and continuing support is not enough: They don't see our vision of a 'better world' This was one of the points I had hoped to bring out in the interview.

Sincerely Sue Green.



pro-dog groupers which is rubbish because of the issue involved is much more serious than merely the reinstatement of dogs in the parks.

Jim Petty, Burnley Anarchist, was one of the people booked on Sunday for taking his dog in Scott Park. This was done simply because he is a known anarchist. If he is prosecuted it will be a £20 fine.

And don't forget Mary Winter the lesbian bus driver who was sacked for wearing a badge which contained the word lesbian. The authority was Burnley and Pendle Joint Transport and the reason given was that two members of the public found the word obscene. Yesterday I saw a driver wearing a badge which contained the word god which I think is obscene so I have made a complaint. I am awaiting developments.

In Solidarity, Eileen, Burnley

on a sunday

"WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU ARE DOING HERE" SAID THE BRASS FACED MAN IN THE BLOOD-RED SUIT WITH THE MEDAL RIBBONS HANGING FROM HIS SHOULDER. "IT'S NOT MY FAULT BUT YOU CAN'T STAND HERE 'COS IT CONTRAVENES THE BYE-LAWS AND IT'S AGAINST THE REGULATIONS. I DON'T KNOW WHY, I'VE JUST GOT A JOB TO DO.

'COS THERE'S NO SMILING, NO SMILING, ON A MONDAY NO LAUGHING, NO LAUGHING ON A TUESDAY, NO SINGING ON A WEDNESDAY, NO DANCING ON A THURSDAY NO BREATHING ON A FRIDAY, NO LIVING ON A SATURDAY AND ON SUNDAY, YES ON SUNDAY, NO LOVING AT ALL.

"LITTLE BOY YOU CAN'T FISH HERE" SAID THE PLUS FOUR LEGS IN THE HARRIS TWEED VOICE TO THE SMALL BOY STANDING BY THE RIVER. "DON'T YOU KNOW THIS RIVER RUNS BY THE COURTESY OF LORD MUCKY-BRASS AND GOD AND ALL HIS ANGELS" DON'T LOOK LIKE THAT I'LL CONFISCATE YOUR SMILE"

"I'M SORRY YOU CAN'T LIVE HERE" SAID THE BRICKED-FACED MAN WITH THE CAST IRON HANDS AND THE WEIGHT OF PLANS AND PROFITS ON HIS SHOULDERS

WE'LL HAVE TO MOVE YOU OUT OF HERE AND BULL DOZE YOUR DREAMS AND PULL DOWN YOUR HOPES AND LEAVE YOUR MEMORIES SMOULDERING IN THE RUBBLE."

"WE CAN'T HAVE LOVERS LYING HERE" SAID THE CLAY FACED MAN WITH THE CROW BLACK EYES AND THE SHOTGUN NESTLED IN HIS SHOULDER "GET UP AND GET DRESSED AND GET OUT OF HERE COS YOU'LL SCANDALISE THE CROPS AND YOU'LL FRIGHTEN ALL THE COWS. AND BESIDES IT'S FREE AND NO ONE MAKES A PROFIT."



LETTERS ctd.

I was somewhat shocked by the anger of the reply by Angus MacDonald to my comments on the article on the "Anti-People Movement" in the first issue (Bread and Roses, September).

I do not claim the world is overpopulated at present, but I do maintain there is a grave danger of it becoming so in the near future. This assertion is based not on "primitive superstition" but on a scientific materialist analysis of available facts.

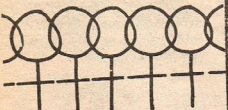
In order to feed itself, humanity needs 0.4 hectares of land per head plus another 0.08 hectares for housing, roads and other needs. The amount of land it is possible to cultivate is some 3.2 billion hectares. At present rate of population growth (2.1% per year) the demand for land will outstrip the supply by the year 2,000.

Already, a third of the world is undernourished. Already, in India 140 babies in 1,000 die before they're a year old from sickness caused by malnutrition. Even technologically advanced countries like Britain and the USSR cannot feed themselves. If there were a simultaneous failure of the harvest in both North America and the USSR there would be world famine on an unprecedented scale.

There are real human problems which demand real solutions, not romantic guff about humanity reaching the stars. An informed debate on how an Anarchist-Communist society could overcome these problems would be far more useful than the emotional outbursts of Comrade McDonald.

Terry Liddell

A woman
does not have to keep
her mouth shut
and
her womb open



manchester
anarchist organisation

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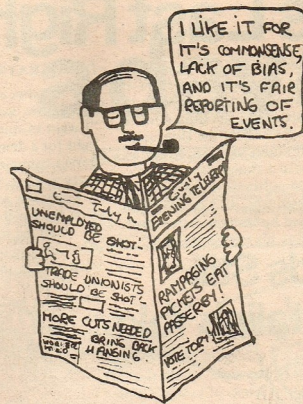
Glasgow

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ACT OF GOD

Despite our article in the last issue of Bread and Roses about some of the occupational hazards of being Pope, we were as astonished as anybody at John Paul's demise after just thirty four days.

Maybe somebody is trying to tell us something? Anyway, we are pleased to report that the editors of Bread and Roses are still amongst the quick.

PROBLEMS

This is a new feature. Please write to it, either with your problems or with ideas about others which have appealed here. Strictest confidence, of course.

Dear Bread and Roses,

I like your paper, it's got warmth and hope, and these are two very important things. However sometimes you overdo the humour. I thought the article 'Contract on Pope' was awful. I'm not a catholic, but how can you joke about somebody dying?

Remember, death will have the last laugh. Have you ever come face to face with death? I don't think you'd be able to joke about it if you had.

My father died last year. It was a terrible, painful experience for me. I am only just gradually getting over it, but it is a permanent loss and there will always be an ache in my heart, even though it becomes duller with time.

Religion has something to offer people who have lost somebody. Though your paper is hopeful in other ways, it has nothing to say to the bereaved, the sick, and the old. It is very much a paper for the young and healthy. Or are you going to prove me wrong?

Ruth.

Dear Ruth,

Thank you for your letter. Yes, the loss of someone we know closely as an individual is terrible. But it seems offensive when a powerful stranger like the Pope dies and the media tells that we're all supposed to be grief-stricken, SIMPLY

BECAUSE HE WAS POWERFUL.

I remember when Kennedy was killed; I lived in America and found it all so hypocritical, the pretense that everyone was in mourning when most people didn't give a damn and even found it rather exciting. It gave you an excuse for talking to strangers. And all the gloating sympathy and prying into the bereaved family's feelings—disgusting.

The only time I feel any twinge of grief over deaths reported in the paper is when they concern people killed in a catastrophe like an earthquake, or by a particularly awful disease, etc.

Even then it's nothing to what you feel for someone close to you.

You say, "Religion has something to offer people who have lost somebody". We're glad if it helps you. The reason anarchists reject religion is that, even though its moral and philosophical ideas are SOME-TIMES appealing to us, they're always presented as something we must accept because a particular prophet, alleged to have supernatural powers, said so. It's not the ideas, it's the authoritarianism.

If you're comforted by reflecting that your father's personality was unique and will live forever (indirectly—through what you and others got from him and can share) you, don't

need someone in a dog-collar to tell you it's true.

The members of A.C.A. certainly aren't all young and healthy, and we hope that in future we'll have more to say to the bereaved, sick, and old. Old is beautiful!

Bread and Roses.

Someone else wrote privately ing. to one of our editors (and has since give permission to print it):

"I used to get boozed up, lose my inhibitions, then approach some woman friend in a direct way, like for instance slide my hand up the inside of her thighs.

Sometimes I got slapped, sometimes I got kissed.

But since I've come to realise I'm a male chauvinist pig I just can't bring myself to make the first move.

I have now fallen in love with a woman who is a political contact of mine. I think she likes me, but even if she does the conditioning that women mustn't make the first move goes deep."

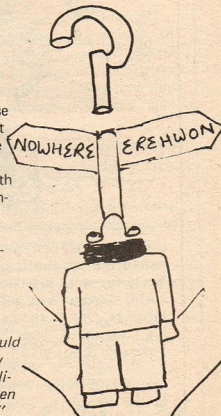
"Jack", who wrote the letter, hit the nail on the head in his last sentence. Few women would be willing to risk the ego-blow of rejection just to make a political point. Nor do most women believe that even a "liberated" man would respond to a woman's advances.

So if YOU HAVE A GOOD

RELATIONSHIP ON AN INDIVIDUAL, EMOTIONAL BASIS TO BEGIN WITH, go ahead and make the first move. Afterwards, be sure to tell her that you wouldn't have minded if she had done so—that way the word will get around that men don't feel the need to be "hunters" as much as they did 10 years ago.

BUT—if you're not much interested in a woman as an individual, and think it liberated to screw anyone within groping distance then you're right to hesitate, because she probably would be put off.

This doesn't seem to be the case with your present woman friend, however, so stop worry-



Markov's Last Rights

BULGARIAN BROADCASTER Georgi Markov was probably murdered to put an end to his exposure of corruption in the higher ranks of the Bulgarian Communist Party.

He had even named the mistresses of leading CP officials over the air. His suspicious death highlights the repressive nature of the Zhikov Stalinist

veteran of the Bulgarian Anarchist movement who spent 11 years in prison under both the Fascists and the Communists. At the time of the Hungarian revolution of 1956, Kolev was arrested along with other Anarchist militants including Manol Vassev who died in 1958, poisoned by his jailors two days before his release was due.

But Thousands Still Under Stalin's Yoke

regime. Out of a population of 8 million, Bulgaria has some 20,000 political prisoners (Social-Democrats, Maoists, Agrarians, members of national minorities and Anarchists) imprisoned in labour camps and "psychiatric hospitals" or confined in internal exile.

Conditions in the camps are terrible. A former inmate Ljudmil Minew described them thus: "Food twice a day consisted of watery soup and 100 grams of bread, with solitary confinement being usual for political prisoners".

POISONED

Among the prisoners in internal exile is Christo Kolev, a

Kolev was again arrested in 1969 in connection with the case of a group of young people who were on trial in Sofia accused of "Participating in an illegal group and spreading slanderous assertions concerning the state and social order in the People's Republic of Bulgaria."

What they had done was duplicate a pamphlet attacking the regime from a libertarian viewpoint and distribute it to students, workers, CP members and university officials. During their trial they protested against maltreatment and torture. They received 1 to 5 years in prison. Kolev, who was tortured over a 28 day period, was imprisoned for a year.

DEMOCRATIC COMMUNISM

One member of the group, Ljuben Petrov, was quoted as saying: "I want to rouse the desire to fight for a democratic and egalitarian communism against the Party and the Soviet Union".

Kolev was re-arrested in 1971 after the funeral of Penko Teofilov where he made a speech attacking the regime. He was sentenced to internal exile in the village of Petmogoli. In 1974 after taking part in the erection of a monument to the Anarchist guerilla Vasil Ikonomov he was transferred to his native village of Balvan. Here he has to report to the police regularly and is only rarely allowed to visit his aged mother who lives in Sofia in considerable financial hardship.

Kolev has been adopted as a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International.

Earlier that year police raided the homes of libertarians in Sofia, Pernik and other towns detaining 25 of them. Several, including Alexandre Nekov (a railway worker) Atanas Kucev (a teacher) and Lubomir Djeremianov (a mining technician), were imprisoned for five years while others were interned. That year the sculptor Sacho

Guigov died in internment.

RESISTANCE

The regime has met stiff resistance from Bulgarian working people. In 1950 the enforced collectivization of agriculture met with armed opposition.



Kolev

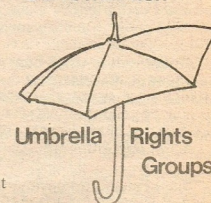
There have been two attempts at military coups to set up a regime independent of Moscow—one in March 1961 and another in April 1965 involving the commander of the Sofia military garrison, two other generals and several other high ranking officers and security specialists. So worried were the Russians by the second coup that Suslov, a member of the CPSU central committee, was sent to purge

the Bulgarian Army and security services.

TERROR

The very foundation of Bulgarian Stalinism is terror, against both its political opponents, especially the libertarians, and against any voices of dissent within the CP. In 1949-50, 92,500 members were expelled from the CP. One of them, the former Deputy Prime Minister Traicho Kostov, was brought to trial where he created a sensation by repudiating his false confession. He was executed, sharing

Don't mention



the fate of many Anarchists and Syndicalists who perished at the hands of the Communists.

Some of Bulgaria's political prisoners have been in jail for as long as 20 years with periods of solidarity confinement of 6 years not being unusual. They desperately need out help.

ANOTHER NAZI NUTTER continued from page 5

Short was better known in another role in 1969 when he, along with two others, was found guilty of arson against the local synagogue and received a suspended prison sentence.



Short had a strong involvement with the occult and when he first moved to the London area visited one of the leaders of Column 88, Leslie Vaughan, and attended celebrations where an occult temple was set up to celebrate Hitler's birthday. One of the people Short used to claim as his "inspiration" was Peter Greenslade, a fanatical Nazi and it is claimed, a warlock, who celebrated occult rights at Stonehenge during Hitler celebrations. In Nazi circles Greenslade is also known as the Mentor of Front Fuhrer Tyndal. Another practitioner of the black arts with whom Short was involved was David Myatt who had something of a reputation for sacrificing cats.

ANARCHISM and FASCISM

Nowadays when people are so conscious of the threat of fascism and disagree about whether the National Front should have free speech, you sometimes hear the expression "extremists of left and right".

It's convenient for bosses and bureaucrats, and those of conservative views generally, to lump people like us together with fascists.

So I want to point out the ways in which anarchist extremism differs from fascist extremism.

When people attack anarchism, whether in a hostile or sympathetic spirit, their arguments always boil down to the same thing—"Anarchism is a beautiful ideal but it won't work."

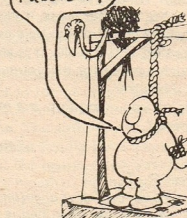
There would be chaos. No one would do the dirty work, or indeed any work. People would run around murdering raping and looting. You have to have bosses because people are unequal.

Anarchism demands too

much of human nature, they say. People aren't that good. NO ONE SAYS THINGS LIKE THAT ABOUT FASCISM.

We know all too well that fascism "works". It's "working".

I don't mind—at least the trains run on time under Fascism!



in several countries of the world today, and has "worked" in other countries earlier in this century.

People work very hard indeed

under fascism. They don't run around murdering etc. unless they happen to be in uniform and licensed to do it legally. They know they're not as good as the bosses.

We know all too well that "human nature" is capable of putting fascism into practice.

Fascism is attainable—but who wants to attain it, except the sick fascists themselves?

No one says that anarchism's aims of freedom and mutual aid are bad in themselves, only that they aren't practical.

We dispute the charge of impracticality, of course—but it's not all that unflattering to have your ideas labelled "too good for this world".

The aims of fascism, on the other hand, are regarded by most people as ugly and repellent in themselves.

No one has ever said that fascism is too good for this world, and no one ever will.

This argument could be useful the next time you hear the usual crap "extremes of left and right".

Close Encounters of the FORD Kind

The Ford Strikers hit out directly at the government, and at their own arse-licking unions, by saying 'stuff the fucking five per cent'. Their 'Ford (UK) combine' of workers not held back by bureaucrats has put in months of work to make possible a successful result of the strike.

We spoke to one of the workers about their militant demands: "The Rank and File group has been campaigning since April against any percentage increases in wages for a flat increase. The demand is "£20 on the pay, an hour off the day" with no strings attached.

"The demand has been leafleted on shop floors across the country, and at conference the strike was made official—in spite of opposition from the bureaucrats.

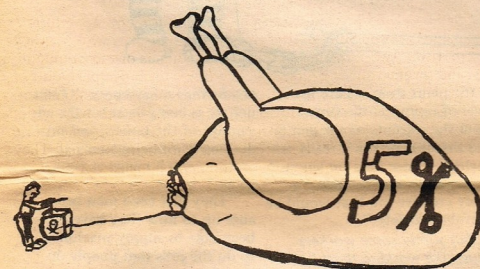
"The existing agreement with Fords ran out on October 25th. In advance the company put

"Ford workers have dug in—many have said "Goodbye, and have a happy xmas" We've had radio opinion polls making us out to be greedy workers. No mention is made of the declining worth of our wages. Our working week has to be 48 hours to make up for that. That means fewer jobs are available.

"Others knock us for coming out before the last agreement expired.

Well, we did—and workers must fight or they'll go down.

We feel that if more don't fight government wage controls then the authorities will be able to



Stuff the 5 per cent

on their 5% offer. People felt insulted, and they walked out at Halewood, Swansea and Southampton. That was on the Thursday, the next Friday the union bureaucrats agreed to negotiate and smooth things over.

"The strike was made most effective with the blacking of components and spares from the continent. Both seamen and lorry drivers are supporting us.

control us more and more—from cradle to grave. When will it end? Phase 14? Or will it never phase out?

"Ford workers will not return to work until there is a settlement. There's no question of further action. We can't discuss it away from work. But no-one would want to occupy the factory at Dagenham; it's a horrible place and we wouldn't last long there!"

About

A recent Anarchist Communist Association conference rejected one comrades idea of changing the name of the paper from **Bread and Roses to Some Hope.**

The comrade concerned says he lives in hope of persuading us.

At least we were all agreed that we wanted to produce some-

thing quite different from Anarchy, Zero, Libertarian Communist, Socialist Challenge and so on.

We want a paper by the working class for the working class.

If you agree, we welcome your participation in this paper, even if you disagree with us about many other things.

this paper

a day out

A DAY FOR NEXT TO NOTHING

The last two issues of Bread and Roses have had ideas for short, cheap holidays. It's now a bit cool for some of these holidays and we're going to give ideas for "Days in the Sticks". Like with the holidays, the editors will be glad to use any "Days in the Sticks" you can write for us.

Several million of us live in London. It's miles to get into the country from the City but it might take only a couple of hours to hitch out twenty miles. Trains will cost you £1.50 or more. Return is similar to single fare.

Box Hill is about twenty miles out of London. There are trains from Victoria and its on the main road to Dorking.

From Burford Bridge, a steep climb takes you up to the top. The chalky hill is covered on this side with some grass and a lot of yew trees.

If you're really idle you needn't climb, but can rest near the main road by the river Mole, fall in if you like. For the more energetic, Box Hill is just a small part of the North Downs and it's pleasant to wander on to Redhill, many miles to the East. Just watch you don't fall down the cliffs of Betchworth quarries (a lime works). The main path is part of The Pilgrims' Way.

But a lot of you will just want to eat your nasty sandwiches, pick blackberries to throw at each other and stain your clothing (or perhaps eat). Or you may just want to find a quiet place to roll-up a joint and sink into a relaxed state.



Don't fall over the quarry cliffs.

Well, there's plenty of space for all of this. Further, it's possible to get a really fine view across the Surrey Weald to the South Downs.

Let's hope you don't have a wet day. And remember the cafes on top of the hill were once the battleground for the Mods and Rockers in the mid-sixties. Very quiet now.

I walked from the city
into the browns and greens
the peace and the beauty
of the country

I walked deep within a forest
inhaled the scented fragrance
of the many-hued blossoms
of freedom

I walked to the beach
and watched and listened
to the sublime beauty
and the soporific melody
of the ocean

I walked to prison
and saw no beauty
inhaled only the dejected scent
of loneliness and despair
and listened to the silent sorrow
of Man-kind

I walked no more...

INCOME TAX 1978-9.

Surname (Block capitals only)

MUG

Forename(s) ANNE

OTHER

Other (delete as applicable)

Age Very

Date of Birth Yesterday

I have read the conditions attached to being a citizen of the United Kingdom. I hereby give all power to Her Majesty's government to take one third of my wages and spend them on:-

- * Buying tanks to kill people
- * Buying aeroplanes to kill more people
- * Running armed forces and policemen to stop anyone enjoying themselves.
- * Running schools to make our children as moronic and submissive as myself.
- * Subsidising British Leyland to foul the air and run us over on the streets.

I know it makes sense.

Signed A.D. Mug Date Eaten

Bread & Roses

Touch of Class at GARNERS

The scab waiter had come out onto the pavement in front of Garners Steak House and was arguing heatedly with pickets.

"Why should you be loyal to them?"

picket. "They just regard you as a servant."

"No, I am not a servant! I have never been a servant, never!"

Then a manager strode out and hustled him away, saying "Don't talk to the dirty dogs."

BRIBE

This manager, I was surprised to learn, belongs to the union sponsoring the strike, the Transport & General Workers Union. He had been hired away from another restaurant the day before.

The scab waiter had gone to work for Garners a week earlier, after a long search for a job. "When you are looking, you look everywhere," he said.

Another manager present had previously belonged to the T&GWU but had left when the strike started. The owners had bribed him with a lump sum of £10. Not ten pounds a week. Just ten pounds.

"I sell my principles cheap," he said wryly.

UNDERCLASS

He was mistaken. He

The Machines are Complaining

John works on the production line in the trim section of the Paint and Trim Assembly plant at Dagenham. He's been there for 3 years.

He works an average of 45 hours a week, of which 5 are overtime. He works 2 weeks days, 2 weeks nights. About 90% of the workforce are on varying shifts like this.

"You get time-and-a-third for working nights, but it doesn't compensate for the social cost of it."

BUT THE GREATEST EVIL IS THE JOB ITSELF.

"It's boring, it's repetitive. It doesn't create an incentive at all. You are repeating the same operation 2 or 3 hundred times a day, doing the same physical movements, you know. It produces a lot of stress, because you're not given any choice of what to do or when to do it.

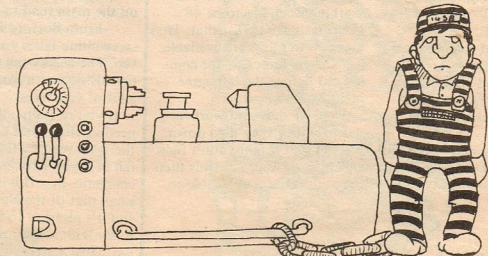
"My job isn't as bad say, as

likes it."

"you haven't got any kind of freedom to organize the job, to decide the job to do, or... the kind of job it is in itself."

FREEDOM

Workers having freedom? Having jobs that they like? Being creative? Making decisions? John doesn't think that mass



He feels that the 35-hour week demand is at least as important as the wage demand, for social reasons, but that it isn't getting the publicity it should because "they see money as the first need. But it's got to be linked with the number of hours per day worked for it to be useful."

He would like to have "a more creative job that would be useful to society."

But surely some workers must like working there?

in the paint shop, where the level of noise... the fumes from the solvents of the paints and the heat makes it really unhealthy. Those jobs are worse."

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"No, I don't think anyone

production is necessary. "Technology is being used for the advantage of the bosses, and production is organized only to make as much profit as possible."

"They just need men because up to now they haven't been able to supply machines to do the jobs that people do now."

didn't get just £10 for his principles. He also got a managerial job, the only thing between him and the "underclass" (as one researcher has put it, referring to their markedly poorer health) of unskilled workers, who suffer not only poverty but also low status.

SELL

There's a theory dear to Marxists that all those who live on wages or salaries are working-class because they have only their labour power to sell.

But the higher grades of employees are also selling their skills, qualifications, or merely (in the

case of the restaurant manager) authority's belief that they can carry responsibility.

INFERIOR

It's the "underclass" who really have only their labour power - their energy and obedience - to sell.

don't eat at garners

And because of that, capitalism demands of them even more energy (longer

hours) and more obedience than it demands of the "valuable" workers.

We say that everyone should have the right to acquire and use skills and knowledge; that everyone already has the capacity for responsibility, and should have the right to use it, through shared decision-making.

Until we smash hierarchy, and the myth that people are unequal, we'll never smash poverty and exploitation. And union membership will count for little against a bribe of £10 plus middle-class status.

For further information phone 01-240-1036. Fund-raising ideas, messages of support, donations etc. should be sent to Garners Steak House Strike Committee, Room 84, 12/13 Henrietta St., London WC2.

WE DEMAND 35 HR WEEK



Bread & Roses

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PAPER OF THE ANARCHIST COMMUNIST ASSOCIATION.

What's it like in a workers co-op?

FIRST, I've got to admit that I don't really know too much about the theory of co-operatives although I do work in one.

There are a number of views of what constitutes a co-op but I suppose most of them have the idea that people in a co-op work together, on an equal status basis, without the need for a boss (what need?) and that if there are some parts of the work that are less liked than others, then everyone takes an equal turn at them on a rotation system of duties.

The other points are that co-operatives are responsible for their own decision making and that members all have a right to vote on an equal basis.

Other co-ops also include the idea that people should receive equal pay (so long as we use a money exchange system).

OUR CO-OP

I'm sure that I've missed a fair bit out but I'm sorry if I have; perhaps someone else could give us more information on what co-operatives are. Anyway, . . .

At the moment I'm working in a motorcycle despatch co-op. I think it's the only one going at the moment, so go out and start your own (or take over in your present job). This co-op doesn't fit all the descriptions of a co-operative but it is definitely not a normal business enterprise.

In our co-op there are fif-

teen riders, in theory (explained later), and two van drivers. (Then there are three drivers really because two of the drivers prefer to work part time and so take it in turns.)

CONTACTS

This co-op began about a year ago when four or five people who worked for some of the larger despatch companies, finally got pissed off with handing over 35-40% of their earnings to someone who sat in an office who not only took the money they worked for, but also made

their work decisions for them and reserved (as all bosses do) the exclusive power to hire or fire people.

The co-op started without any money. Most businesses, so I've been told, need quite a bit of money to start and many don't survive without the say of a bank manager and a permanent bank overdraft.

However, this co-op did have the advantage that the original members had contacts with various businesses (which were willing to give some of their despatch work to the new co-op).

SHARING & SPECIALISATION

When it first began the various jobs involved in the running of the co-op were shared. People took it in turns to do riding, to answer the phones for the jobs and with the administration, i.e. accounts.

Since then there has been a degree of specialisation. For instance one person now does most of the accounting because he is particularly good at this.

The same applies to the person who is known as the controller (what!) who

attempts to answer three phones at once and distribute jobs to the riders (at various points around London at various times of the day), on as equal basis as possible whilst attempting at the same time to provide an efficient service for the businesses that ask for our services.

This is about the only kind of specialisation that exists and this is not total. For instance the person who does most of the accounts is out most of the time of most days doing the same motorcycle despatch work as everyone else.



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co-ops

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The controller is controller in terms of allocating the despatch work. The term coordinator would be more apt since we are all free to turn down jobs which we don't want (for instance I hate multiple-city drops) though this doesn't happen very often and usually there is an element of choice involved.

The person who works at co-ordinating is able to predict (knowing individual riders well enough, traffic conditions, time of day and usual speed of particular workers) where they will be at any one time and to allocate work accordingly. (In theory!)

This power is given to this person because he is the only one with access to the knowledge of all the jobs available and the whereabouts and availability of the riders and drivers.

NOW I'M MAKING DECISIONS INSTEAD OF MAKING THE COFFEE

Every two, three or four weeks or so we meet after work for collective decision making. As I wrote those last three words I realise that although they are accurate they don't describe the lunatic chaos of our meetings.

Some don't look forward to them because we're pretty tired by the end of the day but the meetings are also usually really funny since there are so many clowns in one room at the same time.

We have a meeting whenever we need and want to and when someone is sufficiently motivated to put up a piece of paper asking for contributions for discussion. Then you write up whatever you want talked about and we attempt to deal with the topics in the order which they are written up.

PROBLEMS

The kind of topics which tend to crop up are:

- money, should we charge more? (We are very cheap)
- early mornings (we have a rota system for being available for work earlier than usual one day a week and quite often people aren't early when they should be)
- reliability - we can't provide an adequate service if we don't have enough people turn up for work and many of us - including myself - are not as reliable as we should be.

The fact that this is a regular

topic is a clear sign that this is not working properly.

HOLIDAYS

Recently I put forward the idea of a three or four day week for those who wanted to work less. This received a mixed reaction. A clear majority of people were in favour of this and wished to work a four-day week every other week but there was concern that this would damage the service we provide (and lose us our jobs), especially since we are still suffering from people not being available for work when they should be.

(I should mention that we have no limitation on holidays. We do have a sheet on which we book days off, preferably a week in advance but again, not everyone does this.)

Also it is possible to go away for a few months, India, America, Wormwood Scrubs, etc., and not lose the job. But we do have to wait until there is a place to fill in the co-op before returning.

However, the point I make is that a shorter working week might deal with absenteeism in that we just make it predictable and build it into the system.

This necessitates one or more people joining to be available for these days and I am supposed to be showing how this will work on paper for the next meeting. Someone else is working in a vaguely similar scheme so it looks like we are in for a long meeting sometime in the future.

The way to work a shorter working week is to have the required person-power available on a more predictable basis than we have at present.

NOT POLITICAL

The co-operative was not set up for overtly political reasons and does not run on very consciously political lines. I don't think we have ever agreed, on a political basis, who we are willing to work for and who not, though someone suggested that if we ever get a delivery to the National Front, that we only deliver if it's a bomb.

There is however some degree of commitment to the co-op and some awareness of the need of collective responsibility for the co-op of which we are all a part. For instance we can't afford to pay ourselves all that we earn as we earn it.

COMMITMENT

The banks don't give overdrafts to working hippies who run a business that looks unfamiliar and unreliable to them, so that although our earnings are quite good, we can't afford to pay ourselves what we earn each week.

So we try and take out as little as we need each week (this varies from individual to individual and from week to week and since there is no one checking up this relies on trust), in order to live and still enjoy life. If someone leaves they are paid back at about £50 a week or more if possible.

GOOD BUSINESS

In terms of business we are on a pretty solid capitalist ground, we have to turn down about six accounts every week because we prefer not to grow any larger (what need?). Instead we prefer to concentrate on improving our reliability. The demand for us only illustrates the room for other motorcycle co-operatives.

One thing our co-op shows is that you don't need a PhD in politics to be actively involved in rearranging your working life.

COMMON SENSE

Our existence shows that co-operation is only a matter of simple commonsense. It's a pity that such co-operative working is a rarity and operates in such an insanely competitive profit-motivated society.



What's it like being one of the female majority in a workplace "represented" by a male-dominated trade union, with a boss who is not only a capitalist but a self-confessed sexist pig also?

Maybe you know all too well. Anyway, a member of ACA will be writing about it for the next issue.

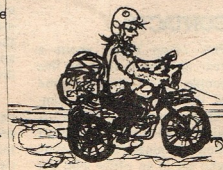


OFFICE STAFF NOTICE 1852

- (1) Godliness, Cleanliness and Punctuality are the necessities of a good business.
- (2) This firm has reduced the hours of work, and the clerical staff will now only have to be present between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. on weekdays.
- (3) Daily prayers will be held each morning in the main office. The clerical staff will be present.
- (4) Clothing must be of a sober nature. The clerical staff will not disport themselves in raiments of bright colours nor will they wear hose unless in good repair.
- (5) Overshoes and top coats may not be worn in the office, but neck scarves and head wear may be worn in inclement weather.
- (6) A stove is provided for the benefit of the clerical staff. Coal and wood must be kept in the locker. It is recommended that each member of staff bring four pounds of coal each day during the cold weather.
- (7) No members of the clerical staff may leave the room without the permission of Mr. Rogers. The calls of nature are permitted and must be kept in order.
- (8) No talking is allowed during working hours.
- (9) The craving of tobacco, wines or spirits is a human weakness and as such is forbidden to all members of the staffs.
- (10) Now that the hours of business have been drastically reduced the partaking of food is allowed between 11.30 and noon, but work will not on any account cease.
- (11) Members of the clerical staff will provide their own pens, and a sharpener is available on application to Mr. Rogers.
- (12) Mr. Rogers will nominate a Senior Clerk to be responsible for the cleanliness of the Main Office and the Private Office. All boys and Juniors will report to him 40 minutes before prayers and will remain after closing hours for similar work. Brushes, Brooms, scrubbers and soap are provided by the owners.
- (13) The new increased weekly wages are as hereunder detailed: Juniors Boys (to 11 yrs) 1/4d., Boys (to 14 yrs) 2/1., Juniors 4/8., Juniors Clerks 8/7., Clerks 10/9., Senior Clerks (after 15 yrs with the owners) 21/0d.

The owners recognise the generosity of the new Labour Laws, but will expect a great rise in output to compensate for these near Utopian conditions.

THE MANAGEMENT.



Dispatch rider available for nominal (petrol etc.) charge or possibly free for fast communication, for delivery of socialist/anarchist/feminist mags or papers, or communications on demonstrations, riots, revolutions etc.

WORKERS UNITED.



EVER THOUGHT OF producing a news bulletin for your place of work? Chances are you haven't. Yet it might be easier than you think, and there are good reasons for doing so.

Most people think of NEWS as something that happens "out there", something you read about in the *Daily Mirror* or see on the telly.

And yet there is an awful lot of news that never gets reported on the telly or in the popular press.

Some of it is news of widespread interest that bloody well *ought* to be reported, but *isn't* because it doesn't suit the people who control the press and television.

Some of it is news of more particular interest to a small group of people.

A workplace bulletin



should contain a bit of both these kinds of news that Angela Rippon doesn't give you.

Scandal Sheet

I was involved for a time in the Malvern Construction workers bulletin *Workers United*. While it lasted it was certainly worthwhile.

That name arose from two things—one, the hackneyed (but true) slogan "The workers, united, will never be defeated".

The other, the fact that most of the workers were keen football fans (and players) and it was a good way of emphasising that it was the *workers* united, not the company, which was our team.

Our bulletin was a nightmare for the management. The Construction Manager referred to it as "that scandal sheet".

Of course it was a scandal sheet. It made detailed accusations of corruption against the Construction Manager, for instance!

Collective

So that's one piece of advice I would give to anyone thinking of starting a workplace

bulletin. Make sure it IS a scandal sheet.

If people's eyes are popping out of their heads, recognising in print the truth that was until then only whispered, so much the better!

Also of course make sure it's *funny* as well as scandalous. People should burst out laughing when they read it.

Of course it's going to get into the hands of the management sooner or later, even if you don't actually give them a copy. And *they* aren't going to laugh.

So, when they start trying victimisation, it is important to insist that the bulletin is a *collective* effort.

How Many?

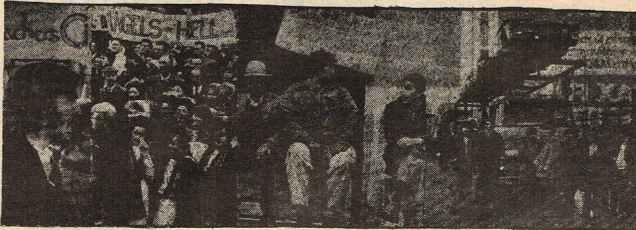
Of course the bulletin really should be a collective effort. But if you wait to start it until all the workers are enthusiastic about the idea,

you might wait till doomsday.

In practice the number of people who have to be involved in producing the bulletin depends on the size of your workplace, and its particular circumstances.

I was on a building site with a maximum of 20 workers. Just three of us started the bulletin. Still, that made it a "collective" effort.

And if you have some really good workmates (as I did) then even those who weren't involved in producing the bulletin to begin with



will tell the management "Yes, that's right, we're all responsible for it".

"Rank and File"

We had one bloke on the site who was a member of the Socialist Workers Party. He was a bloody good bloke but a bit too party-minded.

His first contribution to the bulletin was at a union meeting on the site when he proposed changing the name from *Workers United* to *Rank and File Building Workers Bulletin*!

He obviously wanted to give the impression that we were connected with the Rank and File movement in which the SWP are heavily involved.

Fortunately everybody thought it a terrible name, so we remained clearly "independent".

(It should be mentioned that when we got into a showdown with the management the SWP, the Anarchist Communist Association, and many non-aligned workers supported us, which is more than could be said for the 'International Marxist' paper *Socialist Challenge*.)

How to Begin

We produced our bulletin on a photocopying machine. As it happened one bloke knew somebody who could do it for nothing, but, even if we'd had to pay, 20 copies wouldn't have cost all that much.

Photocopying has the



ABOUT THIS PAPER

WELL, HERE WE ARE again. Thought you'd heard the last of us, eh? That'll be the day!

We've got to admit we haven't been bringing out a monthly. But to be perfectly honest, even some of us didn't believe we would. (Sorry subscribers.)

If we told you how many people started this paper, and how much money we had, you would have to agree that bringing it out at all comes in the same category as that funny business about the loaves and the fishes.

Having already worked miracles, if we only had another twenty activists we'd start thinking about a weekly.

Mind you, after *Bread and Roses* had been coming out weekly for a time we would have to suspend publication temporarily before going daily. (To take part in the final conflict of the world revolution which we would have helped to bring about, you understand.)



advantage that it's much easier to reproduce cartoons and so on than it is with duplicating. Still, a lot of local libraries will do electrostencils for you cheap.

But the most difficult bit about getting started is neither the cost of production nor how to produce. It is simply sitting down to write. You can always sort out the details of production afterwards.

So why don't you sit down now and write something about your place of work, addressed to the people you work with? You can just show it to a few of them to begin with if you like, and you don't have to call it a "bulletin". The future begins here!

Dear Comrades Across the Waters,

We really liked the paper. We hope our Federation can put out a publication in similar style. The content is excellent. None of this hemming and hawing around theoretical matters, straight talk about day-to-day reality...

In solidarity,

Mark Kaufmann
for the Prairie Anarchist
League, affiliate of the
Anarchist Communist
Federation of North America.

The MULTINATIONALS

The lives of millions of workers throughout the world are in the hands of huge multinational corporations such as Esso, Unilever and Ford. So it's very important that we understand just how they work.

This text was written by a Franco-Dutch comrade and is a more or less straight translation from the French.

What is a Multinational?

A MULTINATIONAL IS A COMPANY which has units of production, management and marketing in several different countries.

The company as a whole, however, is controlled from one country (usually the USA—for example Fords) or sometimes from two countries (Shell, Unilever—Holland & Britain).

This is important since it means that their activities always serve precise interests.

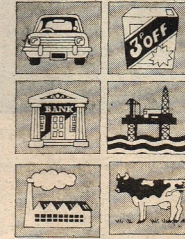
It's important for us in the working class to see how the activities of the multinationals affect our work, our environment and our everyday life.

mainly in the industrially advanced countries.

Take a firm producing bicycles.

Its factories in Africa would produce the tyres (local supply of raw

Interested in how business works?



regimes.

The activities of ITT in Chile are a good example of this.

Consequences: three-quarters of the planet is governed by vicious dictatorships (South America, Asia and Africa) imposed and supported by multinationals and the imperialist governments they represent.

And in these countries millions of workers are dying—from hunger, from civil wars, from torture in concentration camps, or simply from inhuman working conditions.

e) Multinationals and State Capitalism

In Russia, China, Cuba, etc. where a new class of bureaucrats exploits the workers

in the name of a "socialist" or "proletarian" state, the multinationals are also active.

With the active co-operation of the Leninist governments (the Coca-Cola bosses are personal friends of the Russian leaders) they bring in "western" methods of production, sure of finding in those countries, as in the Third World, a docile workforce which doesn't even have the right to strike.

THE CRISIS

We're told that there's a crisis, and that it's an energy (oil) crisis.

It's in the interest of the giant oil multinationals to put it that way. These companies make huge profits from the systematic pillage of the Earth's fuel resources.

It's because they refused to reduce their profits that the increase in the price of oil (which was extremely under-priced) by the producing countries caused a rise in the cost of living in our industrialised countries.

A World Capitalist Order

The real crisis is this: the multinationals are rebuilding capitalism so that they can impose a new world order.

ORIGINS

me From?

The society we live in is based on profit and competition. The law of capital is without pity. Everything that doesn't constantly develop and reap profit is doomed to disappear.

Because of this, certain companies, having eliminated their closest rivals, felt too cramped within the boundaries of their own country and decided to extend their domination over the whole planet.

A BREAKDOWN

They have a very precise structure which can be summarized as follows:

- The division of labour on a world scale.*
- The super-exploitation of the Third World*
- The search for a compromise with State Capitalism, that is the so-called communist countries.*

a) The Division of Labour

The multinational can make its products wherever the advantages are greatest—for example, where there is a ready supply of raw materials or where there is a cheap work force (low wages), or both.

But at the same time, the company needs technical know-how which it will find

matériel—rubber).

The frames would be assembled in Asia or South America (cheap and super-exploited workforce).

And certain precision parts would be made in Europe or North America, which is also where management and marketing would be based.

Consequences: first, we have even less control over what we produce, since we only make part of it.

Second, we are weaker in our struggles against the bosses. If there's a strike

in one section, production can be taken somewhere else.

b) Increasing Exploitation of the "Third World"

The raw materials that the multinationals depend on are largely found in Third World countries. So the multinationals not only exploit the workers of these countries in ways similar to those used to exploit British workers in the 19th century; they also have to have control over the local governments.

And when the workers begin to organise and revolt they don't hesitate to use extreme measures: fascist coups d'état, the setting up of ultra-authoritarian

To do this, they are wiping out the more backward sections of the economy—small and middle-sized businesses, and old national industries such as steel and textiles.

Devastation

Each day dozens of businesses in Europe close their doors, causing massive unemployment.

To maintain their profits while the restructuring goes on, the bosses force us to tighten our belts through wage freezes (Phase 1, 2, 3, 4, etc.).

And the environment is devastated (especially by the nuclear multinationals like CENTEC and URENCO), while people have poor working conditions and housing.

Militarisation

Multinationals cause famines, dictatorships, unemployment, loss of freedom. They are destroying the whole planet for the prosperity of a few people.

To do this they use the state as guardians of their interests—any state will do, whether Western, "Communist" or "Third World". The result is,

increased militarisation of society.

Illusions

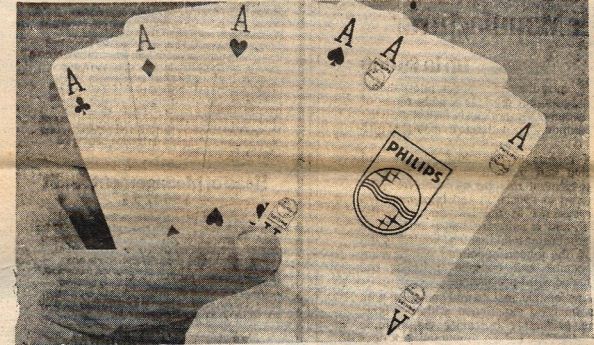
We're sometimes told that the solution lies in nationalisation or national "revolution".

But ask your Labour MP or union official how you can nationalise a multinational.

Nationalise Fords and Fords transports production to another country, leaving behind nothing but the walls and the unemployed.

Anarchists have always said that you can fight capitalism only by opposing *all* its structures—multinationals and states alike—and by getting rid of reformist illusions which can only lead to different kinds of oppression.

As the bosses already know, the only revolution that can last will be a world revolution.



Council Shits Bricks in Concreted Khasi

A HUNDRED PEOPLE appeared from all sides in the centre of Ilford (East London) one Saturday morning in December. It was 10 a.m. and they were ready to do some heavy work.

Lockwood Road, Pyrmont Road and Queens Road—

soon, took a look at what was going on—quite a turn up for the book, Sarge, but soon

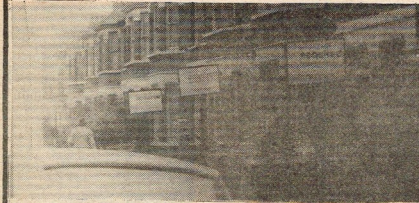
sent ceilings crashing down
 * bricked up windows
 * filled WCs with concrete.

In short they'd done their damndest to make them uninhabitable!

So the campaigners came prepared for work. Planks got prised away from windows, tons of new joists and boards were brought in, and by the end of the weekend we could equal the number of "good" houses with repaired ones.

There's money in them
 tar derelicts.

Ilford's been trying to get roundabouts and dual car-



Estate Agent type boards were put up by Stop the Blitz. They read "This valuable property acquired for rehabilitation by Housing Action Services". One for each empty house.

three cul de sacs—had about 50 empty houses. Within half an hour they had very few empty any more.

No! It wasn't the squatters again, it wasn't a scene of jemmies at the front doors, no smashed windows.

Most of the houses had been horribly vandalised. Again, no, not by them children varmits, but on the orders of Redbridge Council, the local authority.

The police were there quite

went away favourably impressed if anything.

Immediately the locks were changed, the workforce started the graft. A few houses only needed a clean-up, water, gas and electricity. But others needed major work....

Stop the Blitz

It had already been found by the "Stop the Blitz" campaign that the Council had:

- * sawn up the floors
- * cut joists with chain saws,

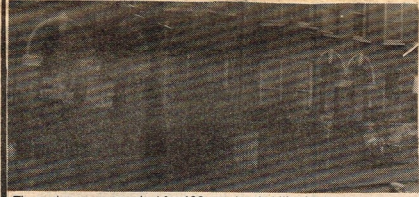


This house, gutted by Redbridge Council, meant a family somewhere has lived in squalor.

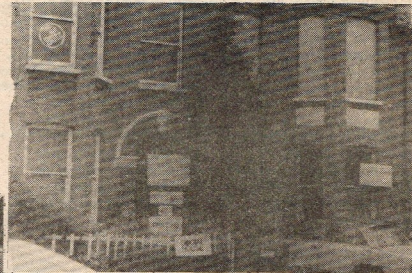
Half a dozen local families moved in then and a waiting list grew for the others as volunteers and new residents tackled the worst of the Council vandalism.

What Was It All About?

Why should the elected representatives of Redbridge be a party to such damage?—simple!



The tool store was stocked for 100 people rehabilitating houses.



A communal kitchen fed everyone. Note the window stencilled with white spray. The house next door looks strong enough, but was gutted inside.

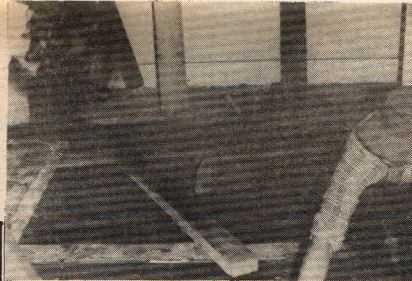
riageways through the area lived in here by the not-so-rich. They don't care where you live, but the shopping will thrive with roads, office blocks and all that prestige. Builders and estate agents get their stooges or themselves onto local councils everywhere to get in on the pickings.

The more people looking for the same houses, the more the price goes up—for those

cope with. Landlords and bed'n'breakfast places grow rich on the competition for grotty hovels. Class interest.

What Did We Get?

It was a big operation. A kitchen was set up for all the force, and managed a great job. Tools were kept in one store and held in common. With so many holes in floors we lost surprisingly little. A creche



Just one of the jig-saws of floors to be patched up. Others had no joists at all.

fewer houses they have to operated all the time, lots of workers helped, it wasn't a mothers' meeting.

We weren't all anarchists, but we did show that many people, often almost strangers to each other, could work fast, effectively and without foremen or expert advice. No bosses.

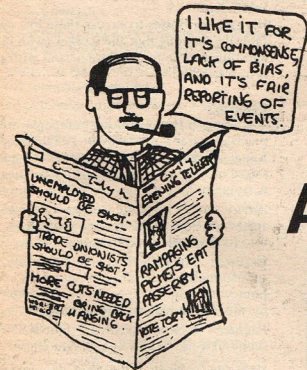
In fact most bosses would have been overwhelmed to get so much work out of anyone, but then we don't believe in working for them!

Then, even if Redbridge does get their roads and concrete wonders, why did they keep these houses empty for the four or so years before they can build? We saw the housing shortage as a deliberate one. There are cul-de-sacs like these throughout Britain.

The Bad News

In the new year, Redbridge got the evictions of their new tenants through the courts. They are a slimy bunch of rats, but it was thought that in exchange for a quiet end of occupation, they had agreed not to damage the properties again.

But they have sent in workmen to rip the places up a bit again. There is to be a public enquiry shortly, and Redbridge is determined to leave as little to enquire about as possible! Even if the enquiry goes against them, it may be too late.



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One Ex-Homeworkers Experience

She has children ages 1, 2½, and 5.

I started with envelopes first, and I had to collect it every week. For 1000 envelopes you got £3.60. That was for Pauline & Mark Ltd, advertising.

I collected over 1000 at a time because it was pointless taking less. My husband used to take me when he had a day off. They paid monthly so I got about £28 a month. Then the typewriter broke down and I gave it up.

I also worked for Derwent Publications, I did typing proofs for them, for 65p a page.

(This was very difficult typing, from handwriting, full of technical language and formulas.)

I also had to collect and deliver, but I had a sister who worked at Kings Cross and she used to collect and deliver it for me.

Then I did Christmas stockings, you had to machine the outside, but I only did that for a week or so because it didn't pay—45p for 1000.

She also did badges, then bracelets for wristwatches, but gave up the last job because it was too far to go.

I think the Christmas stocking was the only one delivered to the doorstep.

Oh yes, I'd like to work at home if it paid well and if they collected and delivered it. That would solve a lot of problems.

At the moment I'm just looking at the paper to see what jobs pay (for when she's free to go out to work). But I'm going to wait until they all go to school.

I don't want a minder or a nursery, especially nowadays, so expensive.



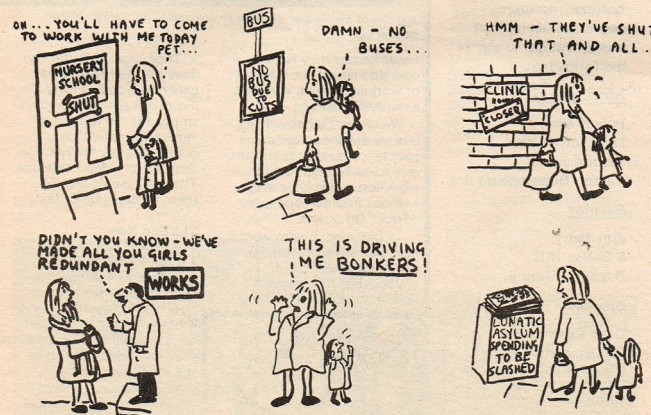
The good side of it

Some homeworkers actually like it, make fair money at it, and would do it even if they had no children. For them the problem is finding child care to enable them to do homework more efficiently.

But these homeworkers advertise or otherwise hunt for work in their trade—

they don't answer sweatshop employers' advertisements. When you do that, you're hat in hand and have to accept whatever the employer offers. In doing free-lance work, your rates will be kept down only by the market. And you usually aren't expected to collect or deliver.

Proper employee status for the sweatshop workers would be a temporary step forward—but from an anarchist viewpoint, all workers should be trying to move towards more independence at work, whether as individuals or in co-operatives.



Homeworkers

A branch of



MOST PEOPLE WHO do or want to do homework are women unable to go out to work because they have young children.

Their pay is often so low that it can't even be compared with normal wages. "I tried to do a watchstrap and it took me an hour," says a spokesperson for the Hackney Homeworking Campaign. "It would have earned me 30 pence." Some of the experienced homeworkers do it faster—"but the other problem is that they sit up till all hours doing it, probably using more electric or gas than they're earning."

Inefficient

It's easy for bosses to excuse these low piecework rates by claiming that the worker (who is isolated and thus unable to compare herself with others) is inefficient.

Campaign

The London Homeworking Campaign, which received a grant of £2,500 in 1977 from the Equal Opportunities Commission, and has raised more money from local authorities, is trying to help homeworkers. Its aims are: *Advice*—to advise home workers of their rights and how to resolve any problems; also to advise those seeking homework.

Research—The collection and collation of information on homeworkers and homework employers to fill the gap left by the lack of official information.

Publicity—to secure positive publicity on homeworking and to highlight what

steps can be taken, rather than the sensational stories which have often appeared.

Organisation—into the relevant trade unions.

This will involve forming groups of homeworkers,

rk—

child care.



getting support from local authorities, and possibly setting up co-operatives.

Legislative change—homeworkers must be given the same rights as other workers. The first step must be employee status for homeworkers.

A Real Choice

But action is needed in wider areas than these, and the campaign supports a programme of social change that would make homeworking a choice and not a forced necessity. Its main demands are:

- * more nurseries
- * a flexible attitude to working arrangements to enable both parents to take jobs.
- * improved state benefits, particularly for one-parent families.
- * an extensive language training programme.
- * an expanded industrial training programme, particularly for women.
- * the enforcement of the disabled workers quotas on employers.

Unions

The unions are also beginning to pay attention to the problem, and a TUC Working Party published a statement last year.

Liberating

The campaign is obviously not anarchist in its emphasis on state measures (there is a Bill to protect homeworkers which is being sponsored this year), but many of its ideas, such as flexible working arrangements, and homeworker co-ops, could have a liberating effect on many workers with or without children.

Part-Time Work and Sex Discrimination

Part-time work, another kind of "not real work" resorted to by mothers, also results in lower hourly rates and lack of industrial rights—both of which problems the Equal Opportunities Commission recognizes, and the unions are beginning to recognize (with regard to dinner ladies), as "indirect discrimination".

These problems and those

of home-workers result from the economy's dismissal of child care as valuable work, because it doesn't make a profit for anyone, and the exclusion from recognized forms of money-making of those who are responsible for children.

Conditions for "respectable" work are based on the assumption that the worker is either childless or has an

unpaid wife at home to do all the child care and other domestic errands, which are never allowed to intrude upon "working" life.

Day nurseries alone won't solve this problem. For all women to have real equality, there must be a total reorganization of industry so as to accommodate the needs of children and parents.

Homeworker Co-ops

This is one of the most promising ideas of the Homeworker Campaign. Some homeworkers work for contractors to factories, and the Homeworking Campaign spokesperson told me, "If they had their own factory that would cut out the middleman... I just like the idea that they'd be earning money from what they're doing rather than someone taking a profit on it."

The Campaign's plans for co-ops are just in the looking-ahead stage—but that means that anyone who likes the idea can get in on the ground floor with your ideas.

Contact:

London Homeworking Campaign, 691-6804.

You can also contact them if you are looking for homework, or are already doing it and want advice or information, or if you have suggestions to make.



London Homeworking Campaign 691-6804

Homeworkers Need Child Care Too

So many people (including would-be homeworkers themselves) have the idea that homework solves the child care problem. But *you can't do two things at once.*

All that homeworking enables you to do is to barely manage to get a bit of paid work done under conditions of maximum stress and fatigue.

"A lot of the older ones," the Homeworking Campaign spokesperson said, "have accepted their role as women and feel subservient to the rest of the family, and they prefer homework so they can be on hand for their children and husbands.



But there again they're often up till late hours which often results in illness."

Whether you want state child care, private child care (which means earning enough to pay for it!), or shared child care among friends, you as a homeworker are *entitled* to that care and are not obliged to do two jobs.

It's true, though, that homeworking cuts out child care during travel hours, and makes it more flexible.

From The Workhouse To Modern Militancy

A BILL TO GET RID OF the distinctions between legitimate and illegitimate is being put forward to the Commons this year.

One of its sponsors, Leo Abse, writes (in the *Guardian*, 19.12.78), "Parents know there are not legitimate and illegitimate children, but only children." He further comments, "Labour MPs in particular, remembering the fatherlessness of Keir Hardie, Ramsay MacDonald and Ernie Bevin will have an opportunity of paying off their debts to the founding bastards."

More

As attitudes towards sex and marriage change, there are more and more unmarried families demanding equality.

Here are some statistics: between 1960 and 1977, the illegitimate percentage of all live births rose from 5.4 to 9.7 in England and Wales; from 4.4 to 9.6 in Scotland; and from 2.5 to 5.4 in Northern Ireland.

But neither the attitudes of the state and society as a whole, nor the material conditions which result from those attitudes, have changed enough.



Workhouse Women, early 1900s



Modern militancy

Disapproval

There is still enormous disapproval of single mothers. The National Council for 1-Parent Families summarizes it: "In the practical seventies, a girl is not condemned for having sexual experience, but... for not using the contraceptives which, it is too often assumed, are universally understood and freely available. This gross oversimplification of the causes of birth outside marriage indicates the slender nature of society's acceptance of single mothers and their children."

Care

Disapproval results in such harsh conditions that families are often broken up. The NCOPF's report says "...to our everlasting shame, three-quarters of all children in care come from one-parent families. If these tragedies are to be prevented much more help and emotional support must be available..."

The state makes things worse, not better. "Local authorities now have wider powers than ever to take and keep children in care... We are glad that... parents are becoming more assertive of their rights. Nevertheless

the number of children in care is growing at a frightening rate. Most are from one-parent families. Most should not be there."

The punitive attitude of the state is proved by the fact that it's even willing to waste money to break up poor families.

In 1975/76 the average weekly cost of residential care for one child was about £65, excluding the cost of administration and fieldwork.

While in November 1977 the average payment to one-parent families was £27.20 per week.

Homeless

Often children are in care for no better reason than lack of proper housing.

"It is tragic," wrote One-Parent Families in a letter to the Secretary for the Environment, "that so many lone parents are denied the right to bring up their own children because they are not given decent accommodation."

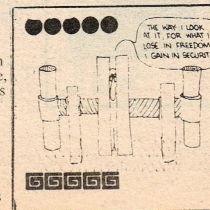
That letter, written in autumn 1978, places the cost of council care at up to £100 per week per child.

When you see the "Sunny Smiles" appeals for help from the National Children's Home, or other appeals for children's homes, as though they were a thoroughly acceptable charity, just remember why many of the children are there (even though you may feel you should give anyway, just to improve the children's conditions).

As the Mothers in Action slogan of some years ago went—*Homes for Children, not Children's Homes.*

The Best Time

This is the Year of the Child, and there's going to be a lot of fine talk about the subject, so this is the best time to put pressure on the state to remove the stigma which it has imposed on too many children for too many years.



CHILD- CARE

bulletin

I WAS MUGGED

THERE WERE TWO of them. They mugged me in a quiet back street.

I was a typical mugging victim—no, not a little old lady; you've been paying too much attention to National Front propaganda—a building worker on his way home on pay day having stopped off on the way for a few (to tell the truth quite a few) drinks.

I put up a fight, but with one of them holding me from behind while the other one thumped me from the front I stood no chance.

I yelled blue murder but of course nobody came to my aid. The most I could do was spit verbal defiance at them as they robbed me.

White

Much to the disappointment of one of the blokes I was working with at the time, when I told him about it afterwards, the muggers were white.

By their accents one was a Londoner and the other from Glasgow.

Not being a racist I had no prejudices to be confirmed or destroyed by this. I don't like people who beat me up and rob me whoever they are.

They actually seemed to *enjoy* beating me up. I reckon it was a way of getting back at a world they felt had cheated them, and since they were shit scared of their real enemies, or just couldn't get hold of them, I was the scapegoat.

Afterwards

Soon as they stopped beating me they ran off in opposite directions. I ran after one of them.

He yelled at me "The other bloke's got your money!" and this made me hesitate for a second. They both got clean away.

Not knowing what else to do (and still being too pissed to think clearly) and

bother, I figured by that time my money was spent.

Reactions

The woman I live with, and our children, were wonderful, even though it was partly my fault we had no money to

live off that week. I certainly couldn't have taken reproaches at that time.

Not so pleasant was the reaction of some other people.

One "hip" left winger evidently thought there was something not quite done

about being the victim of violent crime. I couldn't really be "turned in" or some such rubbish.

Others with right-wing attitudes seemed to think it funny that a person who rejected "law and order" should be a mugging victim.

The attitude was "That'll teach you!"

Teach Me What?

And yet what was it supposed to have taught me?

That we live in a violent society? I knew that already.

That the class system makes people nasty? I knew that already.

That people don't come to your aid in this society because "It's a job for the police"? I knew that already.

The only thing you could say I've "learned" is that it isn't a good idea to go boozing on your way home with your wages in your pocket—and even that I really knew already.

Law and Disorder

Though of course it's probable that a few anti-social acts will happen in any kind of society, the huge majority of those that occur in *this* society can be directly traced to the existence of two connected things—the institutions of property and authority.

In other words, the major causes of crime are the very things the police were set up to protect!

The police themselves are, even by their own standards, poor upholders of order—for instance, well-founded allegations have been made that senior detectives were involved in the *Daily Mirror* Building robbery in which a night watchman was killed.

Anarchy and Order

From an anarchist communist point of view, the greatest crimes of all aren't even on the statute book.

The ruling classes of all countries (the class which police forces serve) are the greatest mass murderers and robbers. The biggest crooks of all are honoured by society.

While it is painful to have a week's wages stolen, when I look at my wage packet I realise that the ruling class mugs me every week.

Roll on the day when working people stop hurting each other and start putting the boot in to their enemies!

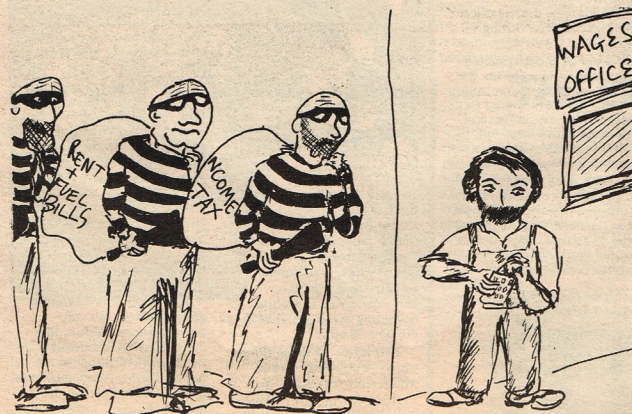
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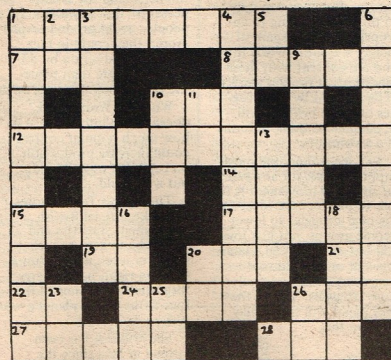
26. Hamlet's question or a Guru's advice?



Anarcho Crossword

ACROSS

1. Stony expletive at the shoemaker's.
7. Foreign raw materials for British steel industry.
8. Now, for Britain itself—in the pond, small creature!
10. Fuck around with the goat.
12. Red bureaucrat's cover-up. (7, 6)
14. Backward Tory beheaded!
15. Content of PM's head?
17. Bum on the hot seat—very like what Guy had in mind.
19. You old-fashioned git!
20. Poisonous woman?
21. Eunuch's constitutional.
22. Soon is not on.
24. Naked in the dune.
26. The rich girl who's come out has turned around for a retiring place.
27. Fourth International? Let it rot, Squire!
28. Telly newstime?



DOWN

1. He's not right to say it's just a collection of peasants.
2. Separates possibilities.
3. Like a school bully or an animal?
4. Celebrity's rest in Highgate Cemetery?
5. Communists in South London.
6. Irish queue up to be jailed?
9. Plain homes.
10. They're your kind.
11. You're cool man!
13. Horse of Troy turned out to let in capitalist puppet.
16. Giving something up?
18. What politicians claim

HOORAY!?



WHAT IS A HOORAY — not something these pickets in Battersea needed to ask. Bennett's night club is a place for the rich to drink late at night/early morning. While the rich can afford such high rents as the owner of the place puts up, local people in North Battersea cannot have shops, nurseries and so on which they desperately need.

This was the first picket of the restaurant — in lousy weather, people of all ages stood for hours to heckle the posh noshers.

LEADERS

Dear Bread and Roses,

I liked the first two issues (Sept. and Nov. '78) I've seen because I've felt for some time there's a need for an anarchist paper that is simply written and free from jargon, words like 'bourgeois' 'proletariat' 'consciousness' etc. mean absolutely nothing to most people, and only serve to discourage them from reading anarchist material.

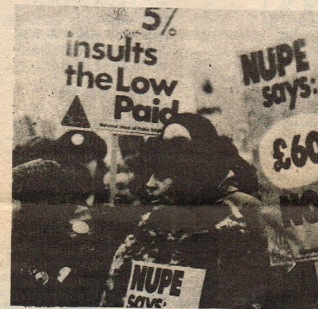
Unlike the writer in the November issue I think there is a need for more attention to be paid to the problems of low-paid 'unskilled' manual workers. The Left press is always ready to back

at least.

Realistically, however, I can't see them being able to bring it off without a massive campaign of civil disobedience, direct action and maybe even rioting to back it up.

Many of those armchair revolutionaries who see the working-class as a monolithic mass which will sooner or later sweep capitalism and state socialism away will dismiss the demand for a minimum wage as 'reformist'.

They ignore the fact that a revolution will never come until the majority of people see the need for it. Most of the so-called skilled sectors of the working class are pretty comfortably off even



strikes by powerful groups like Ford workers but they forget that those of us on low pay are much less able to take protracted action, even when unionised.

For one thing we have little or no savings to fall back on and for another we have less to come back in tax rebates to tide us over a long strike. Social Security payments don't apply to single people and few of us can afford children in any case.

It seems to me that the talk you see in the Left press of the 'working-class' being made to pay for the 'crisis' of capitalism is crap. In reality there is no crisis in the system. It's just functioning normally with the rich and middle-classes getting richer, some sections of the working-class able to maintain or even improve their position and the rest of us facing a future of a continuous decline in our already low standard of living.

At the time of writing (Jan. '79) about the only glimmer of hope is the prospect of a public service workers strike for a £60 minimum wage. My only quarrel with this demand is that it should be £70

now. As long as the beer, football, petrol for their cars etc. keeps flowing they will always accept the system.

In this situation it is only the poorer sections of society who can bring about any change. But they can only do this by struggling to appropriate a larger share of society's wealth. When those who are content with their conditions at present start to be hit hard by the struggles of those below it will be possible to think in terms of a revolution.

As I see it then, the most important task for any practical anarchist movement is to seek to put forward ideas for practical struggles to lower income groups, not just low-paid but unemployed, claimants and others and to do everything possible to aid those struggles. I hope that your paper will try to play a part in this.

Yours,
T. Mitchell.



Dear Comrades,

Terry Liddell, writing to the last issue of *Bread and Roses*, thought what I'd said in the one before was "angry"—it wasn't, not at him anyway, just emphatic.

Terry says "there is grave danger of the world becoming overpopulated in the near future".

This is one of those things which "everybody knows" which ain't necessarily so.

It is not true, for instance, that Britain cannot feed itself. It is true that it does not—a very different thing. As for "third world" countries, in most of them over 80% of the land is controlled by under 3% of the population.

This makes for extreme inefficiency. In Colombia, for example, large farms produce less than one-fourteenth of the amount per acre that can be produced by people working their own land.

According to the World Bank (not noted for its radicalism), with a little financial help the small peasants—that is, most people—could produce even more: they could in fact increase production by 5% per year, more than twice the rate of population growth.

What the World Bank doesn't take into account is how much popular control could increase production on capitalist owned land, but we should.

The figures Terry quotes look like official British government statistics and should be treated as such. However, even if we assume they are right, hasn't Terry forgotten something? Like four-fifths of the planet's surface for instance.

The Milkfish has been farmed in Java since the 14th century. More recently it has begun to be farmed experimentally in the Philippines, Taiwan, and Indonesia.

The natural, open ocean level of Milkfish production is 7 tonnes per square kilometre.

The Philippines got 31

tonnes per sq.km. simply by separating them from their natural predators.

Taiwan got 206 tonnes p.s.k.

Using nutrient enrichment Indonesia boosted production to an incredible 508 tonnes p.s.k.

The UN Food Organisation has calculated that in South East Asia alone there is at least 5,500 square kilometres of very shallow sea suitable for Milkfish farming.

In other words, by farming one particular kind of fish even at the modest Taiwanese level in S.E. Asia, it would be possible to more than double the entire world fish catch without the slightest danger of overfishing.

And what about farming coral atolls by the very simple process of pumping deep water from outside into them? Shallow water has sunlight but few nutrients; deep water has plenty of nutrients but no sunlight; the possibilities which arise from combining the two are if anything even bigger than the Milkfish farms.

And what about farming seaweed? (It can be very tasty, and has been farmed at a low level for many years in some Asian countries.)

In view of all this, I stick by my claim that, long before the Earth is overpopulated, humanity will have reached for the stars.

This is not "romantic guff" It is a reasonable prediction based on known facts.

There is no population problem. There is a political, economic, and social problem which can be solved by worldwide revolution.

Anybody who says there is a population problem is (probably without realising it) spreading ruling-class propaganda.

Angus MacDonald



Dear Folksz,

I was buzzing with curiosity when I saw the sub-heading "Drones" in one of your articles.

However, it turned out to be about humansz, and even your passing comparison with bees waz wildly

inaccurate—"the majority are drones who accept that they must forgo reproduction ..."

Drones are a small minority, the male bees who do nothing but reproduce.

What you meant waz worker bees—the vaszt majority, all un-reproductive femalesz.

When a drone sztopsz screwing the queen bee (the only reproductive female in a hive) the workers drive it out to fend for itself. It dies within hoursz.

You really shouldn't refer to a subject you know nothing about.

Bees are well adapted for being bees. Humansz are well adapted for being humansz. The two speciesz are szo different that comparisonzs are pointlessz.

But I muszt sztopz droning on. Got to fly. There is work to be done. I am very busy at present.

Yoursz szincerely,
Hyam A. Buzby,
Business Secretary,
Beekeepers Against the Nazis.



I tried to accept that she's as mad as a coot and that I didn't care a hoot. How can you try to accept anything on deaf ears?

One lives in hopes that one day—like a cat—one will know where it's AT. On deaf ears.

You've gotta accept that! The only sounds will be in your head and if you hear those at least you're not dead. At times the sounds inside your head

are better than those outside it. But please avoid—unless you're very smart and realize—being taken in by manmade lies.

Vera.Krishek

ever since darwin

THIS IS THE TITLE of a book by Stephen Jay Gould, who teaches Evolutionary Biology (how species developed), Geology (study of rocks), Palaeontology (dinosaur bones and such like), and the History of Science, at Harvard University in the U.S.A.

It is published by Burnett Books (c/o 105, Great Russell Street, London WC1) and costs £5.50.

At that price I'm not going to give you the familiar rubbish about "everybody must get this book"—but if you are interested in human beings and other animals, or in the political implications of biological ideas, this is a very good book indeed.

If you can't afford to buy it just yet and you're not keen on shoplifting, do what I did and get it from your local library, or ask them to get it for you.

IVORY TOWER?

The author counts himself as a Darwinian and much of the book deals with contending ideas claiming the mantle of the prophet.

I would sum up S.J. Gould's approach by saying he is for science and against the inflated claims of "objectivity" made by many scientists.

He stands up for amateurs and points out that often the non-professional with experience in some seemingly unrelated field has provided the key to intractable problems.

He recognises social influences on his own work and points them out on that of others.

RACE AND SEX

Gould attacks the whole "biological determinist" school of recent years (Lorenz, Ardrey, Morris, Jensen, Shockley, Wilson, Eysenck, and so on).

He shows how little scientific basis there is for their rigid "you can't change human nature" ideas—and how much the publicity (and the money) they have received owes to the needs of the ruling class in a period of intensified class struggle.

He shows how daft and self-contradictory are the ideas of "respectable" racists, and quotes Kate Millett on sexism: "Patriarchy has a powerful hold through its successful habit of passing itself off as nature".

"NATURE"

The belief that we can't change the way things are because that would be "going against human nature" is very widespread.

The half-baked science of the biological determinists



Stephen Jay Gould

filters down through the system even to people who have never heard of them.

So if you are looking for ammunition to fight such ideas with, or if you want to be convinced yourself that it ain't necessarily so, then this book is a treasure trove.

PLEASURE

But I'm not going to pretend that's all that's in this book.

If you just want that, you'll have to skip a few chapters (the titles will tell you which).

This is a book of science with political implications, not a book about the politics of science.

But if, like me, you're fascinated by things like why a giant ant is an impossibility, or the reason for the Cambrian "explosion", or continental drift, then you'll plough through even the more difficult chapters for the sheer pleasure it gives you.

Dave Coull

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Mounted officers also assist with traffic control and undertake routine patrols with the same basic duties as any 'beat' policeman. Their extra height gives them more chance to use

No. 32 HIGHER AUTHORITY

Football supporters fill the streets after an important cup game...and a frightened youngster is plucked to safety by a police sergeant on horseback. Even in these technological times there is still an important place in the police force for mounted officers. It has been said that, where crowd control is concerned, a trained man on a trained horse can do the work of a dozen foot police.



The Land should belong to Us!

TODAY THE WOODS of Britain STICKS

are destroyed for the growing of crops, livestock grazing and building. This should *not* be so, because to retain our woods, we don't even need a smaller population. Let's see why not...

They take a heavy log, drill out holes at, say 9" intervals (22cm). In the holes they insert sticks of 3cm diameter and about 1.7m height. Further sticks are split

The Woods

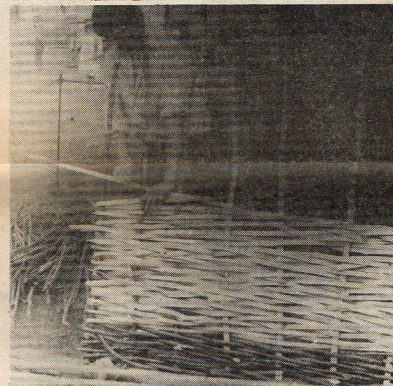
First we are the great-grandchildren of the inhabitants of the countryside. These ancestors didn't have the happiest of lives, but the cram into our present urban squalor was never chosen—the ruling class of the last century forced it.

ROADS

Roads occupy large areas of our land just to get food, and

along their length, before they are woven around the erect poles in the manner of basketwork. It's strong and not unsightly if you hate alternative plastic goods.

There's a limited call for such hurdles, but these sticks have other uses. Bean poles and other garden structures. Typically the bush is hazel and a few larger trees yield nuts.



A hurdler demonstrating his skill

less useful things, long distances to us. Still more land is wasted on horrid factories making Concorde or tinning peas that are grown for profit, not best crops.

A few craftsmen survive who can use the woods to make fencing. Instead of barbed-wire entanglements for sheep, they can build hurdle fences.

their powers of observation. Mounted officers are experts in crowd control. See card 38 for the way their foot colleagues handle lively demonstrations.

COPPICES

To get such wood, the trees are kept immature by cropping every few years. This gives rise to the familiar "coppice". Clusters of straight poles growing closer to each other than old trees.

The hazel coppice is common, there are also chestnut coppices, and these larger poles are used to hold aloft the summer growth of something close to our hearts—hops.

TWITS

So next time the street socialist or come to that fascist tells you we need to cut down all our woods to build housing estates or concentration camps, it'll be possible to tell him/her that we want our useful woodland; it's not just a playground for hooraying twits to chase foxes through.

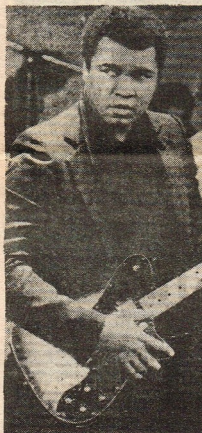
And if we were living back in our countryside, we could dig up some dual carriageways and plant some more bushes for increased use.

Bread & Roses

ONLY A GAME?

is a column that aims to get beyond the sporting headlines to discover the reality of sport in our society. It will be a regular feature of Bread and Roses from now on. We welcome contributions.

TWO YEARS AGO a South African policeman shot and crippled a 15-year-old black boy. Today the same man—Kalli Knoetze—is ranked No. 2 contender for Muhammad Ali's world heavyweight boxing title.



If any single person symbolises the vile nature of apartheid then that person is Kalli Knoetze—policeman and vicious bully. His story demonstrates clearly why all sporting links with South Africa should be broken off.

The 15-year-old boy had been standing with a group of friends when suddenly a car containing four policemen drew up alongside them. One of the policemen said the boy had insulted them. The boy ran off.

Pursuit

Knoetze drew out his gun and set off in pursuit. The boy, finding himself cornered by a wire fence, decided to give himself up. He lay down and waited to be arrested. Knoetze then shot him through each leg.

Naturally, Knoetze invented another story to

cover himself. He said the boy had thrown a stone at him and had then climbed the fence in an attempt to escape. The boy was charged with assaulting Knoetze with intent to cause him grievous bodily harm!

Perjury

But when the case eventually came to court last December, the defence produced a specialist surgeon's report which showed the bullets had been fired in a downward direction. The magistrate dismissed the case against the boy.

But of course no action was taken against Knoetze. He got clean away with perjury and clean away with crippling the boy.

Instead of ending up in prison, he was allowed to continue his boxing career. Any day now he could be picking up a fat fee fighting Muhammad Ali which will enable him to live comfortably for the rest of his life.

Meanwhile, the boy is condemned to spend the rest of his life in poverty without the use of his legs.

FOOTBA££

THE CASE OF THE TWO Charlton footballers sent off for fighting each other is remarkable in many ways. But what it demonstrates most clearly is that football is run no differently from the rest of society.

Immediately after Derek Hales and Mike Flanagan were sent off, Charlton's Board of Directors took the disciplinary decision out of the manager Andy Nelson's hands.

The result was that Flanagan, rated to be worth £250,000, was fined only £250, while Hales, worth only £70,000, was sacked.

Blame

This decision was made despite the fact that the referee considered both of them equally to blame and that it was Flanagan who provoked the fight. His remarks to Hales would have prompted many men to throw a punch. But justice gets thrown out the window when there's money involved.

What the case also highlights is the feudal

ONLY A GAME



Bought and Sold

Of course, Charlton's Chairman says they are trying to sell him for £70,000. After all, they have only made a profit of £250,000 on him so far. They bought him for £10,000 originally, sold him to Derby County for £330,000 a few years ago and then bought him back from West Ham for £70,000.

Chairman Mike Gliksten could obviously teach the CBI a thing or two. And even when the players supposedly achieve 'freedom' conditions of employment that footballers experience. For although Charlton have sacked Hales and are not paying him any wages, they are still holding his registration which means that he cannot play for another team.

Imagine what would happen if a bus driver was sacked and told he couldn't earn his living anywhere else driving a bus.

of contract' this summer, transfer fees will still not be abolished.

OH LORD!

Bob Lord is another football Chairman who when he speaks demonstrates the nature of football.

He joined the Burnley board in 1951 with the minimum of 35 shares. Within four years he was Chairman.

He's been Chairman ever since: "When I became Chairman, it was the custom that each Chairman should do the job for three years and then retire to let another member of the board take over. Now that's not the way to run a business."

Dictator

Lord is now a virtual dictator. He sees his operation as successful only if every position is manned by a private picked for that very post and none other. He regards it as "fatal to allow shareholders to elect any Tom, Dick or Harry".

He doesn't think much of supporters either. "We don't recognise any supporters associations. I never go to Supporters' Dinners; it only costs a fiver or so, but then they think they own you. We never accept money from supporters associations; they hand you a couple of cheques for a few thousand pounds, and the next thing you know they are demanding a seat on the Board in return."

Elect

Perhaps Burnley would be more successful if the players and supporters got rid of Bob Lord and followed the example of League Champions Nottingham Forest: they are the only democratically controlled club in the League, the Directors being elected by a General Meeting.

Bob Prew



Bread & Roses

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PAPER OF THE ANARCHIST COMMUNIST ASSOCIATION.

15p

NUCLEAR ENERGY:

It'll cost the Earth!



AS ANARCHISTS we do not like national or international authorities. Obviously our main objection is to the idea that either government directly or via huge puppet capitalist companies says how our power is generated, delivered and what it costs.

Just because we want our local community to control its own affairs is enough reason for us to say we want electricity generated locally.

BUT THAT'S INEFFICIENT!

Is it? Well, we recognise that big boilers and big turbine generators can deliver excellent figures on efficiency, but what happens then?

The heat from power stations isn't used for community purposes but is lost from cooling towers. Or warms up the seawater near nuclear plants!

The high tension cables that form the national grid exert a magnetic field along their length—so much that it can make sick people who live beneath it. The pylons hum, transformers hum—all signs that the energy is being lost.

A very big bit of this inefficiency is therefore lost on its way to your electric light bulb or work-bench. So local generators have their efficiency too.

We're not talking of a diesel engine phutt-phutting by your dustbin, but small community plants using wind, hydro-power or even solar energy if it gets more feasible. Even fossil fuel like coal can reach you cheaper than along pylons and high-tension cable.

But we never want to see all our lives controlled by an elite of Government technicians in Torness and Dungeness.

Can nuclear power
give you whiter teeth?



SOME FACTS ABOUT THE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY

FACT: Nuclear power has never been a cheap source of electricity.

FACT: It is not safe, power stations do leak, there is more and more waste to dispose (?) of. Leukaemia in plutonium workers.

FACT: Mining of uranium is controlled by huge companies—guilty of price fixing.

FACT: Power stations are built at high profits—at our expense.

FACT: All the world is contaminated by radio-isotopes already.

FACT: Employing few operators, once built, the nuclear reactors are controlled quite closely by the government—we should be moving towards small community controlled energy, whether steam boilers, solar collectors or windmills.

FACT: A primary reason for nuclear reactors is to make the raw materials for bombs and missiles.

Accidents will happen!

OH, NO they won't chorus the Central Electricity Generating Board (CEGB), General Electric Company (GEC) and Babcock & Wilcox (a major builder of atomic plants). "We have safety precautions."

All right then explain the following:

* Hunterson 'B' (SW Scotland)—an advanced gas-cooled reactor (AGR) closed since October 1977 when the Firth of the Clyde was sucked back into its pressure vessel.

* Brunsbüttel (nr Hamburg, W Germany)—closed down last year after over 100 tons of radioactive vapour shot out. Believe it or not, it could have blown-up.

* Harrisburg—faulty temperature gauges caused the back-up cooling system to be turned off too soon. This in turn caused a serious leakage of radiation with the threat of a meltdown and/or explosion. The total number of workers at the plant contaminated during the emergency has not yet been announced but the figure will undoubtedly be high. These workers face a future of cancer, leukaemia, miscarriages, sterility and birth defects.

* The Urals (USSR)—the ultimate accident. Admittedly this was a filthy communist state, that didn't know about capitalist safety (just described), and we don't know exactly when. But sometime in the late 1950s they had a catastrophe in the Ural mountains. The town of Kyshtym had an explosion, plants were un-leaved and died. People had skin dropping off, hundreds died. The area is restricted and contaminated these 20 years later. (This information comes indirectly from the CIA, our Official Secrets Act keeps our government from disclosing it!!!)

Well, the list could be much longer. The Russians hit the jackpot years ago and someone will do it again. By Sod's Law you can depend on that.

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printworkers
dare to fight

confessions
of a
male housewife

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NUCLEAR

STOP THIS ATOMIC MADNESS

Anyone with hopes for a better life in the future must be sickened by the current weakness of the anti-nuclear movement in Britain. Time is running out. Already there is enough radioactive material around to poison the planet for the next half million years. Already people are being exposed daily to low levels of radiation which will give them cancer within 20 years. Already the state is gathering its forces ready to pounce on those who want control over their own environment and who refuse to be dictated to by the technocrats and the transnational corporations.

Faced with this urgency a dramatic increase in the level of opposition to nuclear power is a must. Powerful opposition must be generated at every stage in the fuel cycle from Uranium mining to waste dumping. This can only be done effectively through organisation with a big 'O'. We need a campaign something along the lines of the Anti-Nazi League only far more dynamic and involving greater numbers of people.

What I'm proposing is a national Federation of Anti-Nuclear Groups. The groups would be fully autonomous and based in the community and in the workplace. Their task would be to produce and distribute anti-nuclear information in their particular area, to send speakers to schools, union meetings, tenants associations, etc. They could also organise local events such as "Rock against Nukes", street theatre, and acts of disruption and civil disobedience.

National activities could be co-ordinated through conferences and through a weekly or fortnightly internal newsletter which would also serve as a forum for debate and exchange of information.

Membership of the federation would be restricted to people committed to oppose nuclear power BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY, including violent. It must be recognised once and for all that violence and non-violence are tactics to be used selectively according to the activity being planned. And actions must be well-planned beforehand so that precious time isn't wasted discussing fundamental issues when we should be busy doing what we set out to do. If you're occupying the site of a nuclear power station, for example, you need to know why you're there and that the others are there for the same reason. This way the sorry spectacle of opponents of nuclear power falling out with each other is avoided.

The trouble with most anti-nuke people is that we're too nice and niceness often slides into complacency. The supporters of nuclear power are ruthless and aggressive. They have millions to spend on brain-washing us into accepting their madness and failing that they will soon have the legislative and military muscle to impose it on us anyway.

We mustn't be afraid to be as ruthless and aggressive as they are. Unless we stop them soon they will ruin not only our lives but also the lives of generations to come. And to our dreams of a better and more human world we can kiss goodbye for ever.

GH, SE London ACA

We would like to hear from anyone interested in following up the ideas expressed above. Send letters immediately to: FANG, c/o ACA, Box 2, 136 Kingsland High Street, London E8.



Uranium price fix

EIGHT DOLLARS a pound was the price for uranium throughout the fifties and sixties. It was five dollars in 1971! It's now 40 dollars.

Even the most thick-skinned of politicians wouldn't wish to kid us this was standard inflation. So demand must have soared?

Well, no, throughout demand has held steady around 26,000 tons per annum. And production has been 30,000 tons per annum. In 1971, 100,000 tons were stock-piled. (Figures from the US Congress.)

CROOKS

The atomic industry denies operating a price-fix. Except that the French mining company URANEX admitted there was a system for selling less uranium for the same overall price.

This is called a cartel. All the companies get together and cease to compete, they share out the market in a gentlemanly fashion.

The French blabbed because it was still partly competitive. Real winners were Rio Tinto-Zinc. Famous for polluting Wales with heavy metals, they have also done very nicely, thank you, out of the cartel.

Incidentally we pay in the long run.

'WOUND UP?

Supposedly wound up, the cartel has kept the higher prices. A ringleader, Louis Mazels of RT-Z, has fled to South America.

Wedgie Benn in the government expressed surprise at the cartel, but never took any measures to control RT-Z.

RT-Z have, amongst their directors, such investors as Lords Shackleton (Labour), Carrington (Tory), Byers (Liberal). So we can confidently expect no government to sort these cynical parasites out.

How does radiation kill?

EVERYDAY ultra-violet radiation from the sun kills your skin when you do too much sunbathing. A quick whiff of radio gases could similarly cook your lungs.

But normally we are subject to less intense doses and it interferes with our bodies unseen.

Strontium 90 used to be the pet dread. A 1950s Windscale leak and bomb fall out allowed some to get into milk and it was realised that the body would treat it like calcium (a chemical sister) which helps to stiffen our bones.

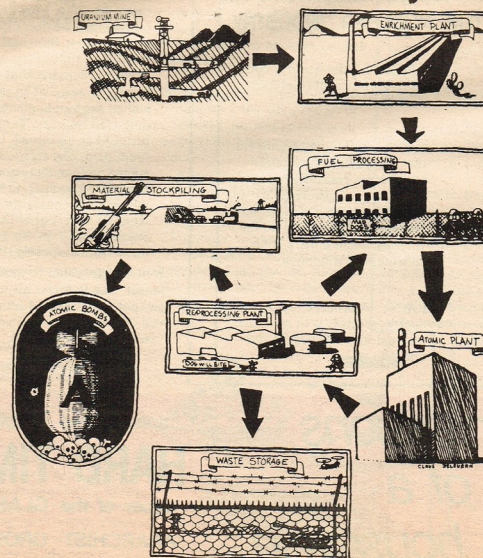
As the strontium 90 breaks down, it will change its chemistry and the bone is weaker. The radio-particle it tosses out is also believed to start bone cancer and leukaemia.

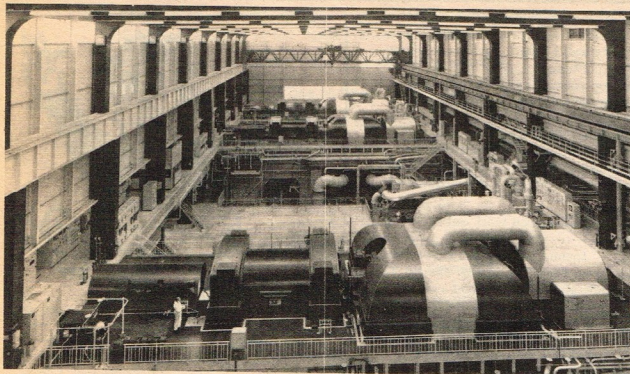
What about our children and following generations? We believe the genetic information is passed on by a system not unlike a tape recording. What if carbon 14 breaks down and buggers the tape?

"Misread". "Out of control" wails our little computer in the body cell. Luckily most such damaged cells die off and health-ones step in.

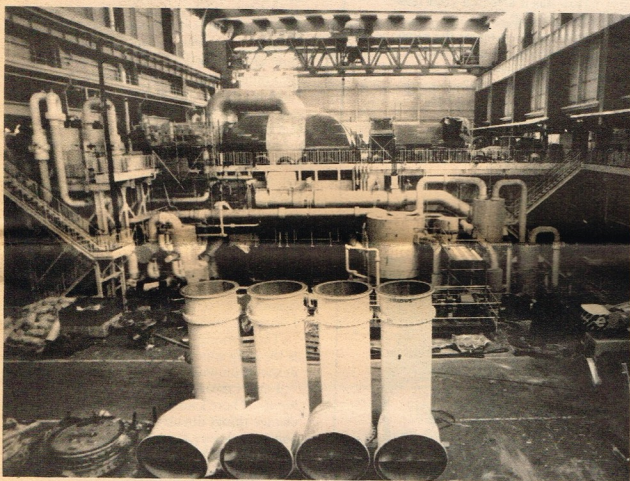
But some survive, changed, mutated. Most of these turn out to be extremely nasty and are called cancer.

The nuclear fuel cycle





Turbine room of Dungeness Atomic Power Station, as seen in their own glossy tourist booklet (above) and as it really was in July 1979 (below).



no way

Where have all the people gone
sitting in their square boxes
on top of the world?

Where is the person
who put us all here
to live to die
in our confined spaces
of ego trips and hate?

Give me the bottle
and I'll smash their system
while all the glowing contours
of Love
escape in blue crystals
and ice-formed prisms
of despair

But when the bottle is empty
I'll lie here and cry
because all these little people
in all those little boxes
don't notice
nor care
They close their doors
shut their minds
and exist in the garbage
they pile on the wall

So there ain't no way
to live in peace
while all those boxes
of well kept hate
are kept tidily stacked
in your back yard

Normy Hackney squat '78

This is democracy?

Since the elections we have had a Tory budget, designed to hammer us with a doubling of VAT. But might not Labour have whopped on 20 per cent VAT?, some folks think so. We'll never know, but there are a few Tories bleating about the bad effects of high VAT (on their trade of course).

It is easy to add to the list of crimes committed by the new regime, but is it really *much* different from the old one. Sure they'll do more damage to the NHS, but how much has Labour left to damage?

All these left-right tussles are trivial when compared to the enormous tasks ahead of us if we are to dismantle the class system, wage slavery, sex-roles in the family, etc.

The State continues.

WE WON

The Politicians got a kick in the teeth with the European election. Even our gullible voters couldn't be conned that there was anything to vote for.

The "don't cares" won by 2:1. While the Liberals rabbit on about the unfairness of the election, we "don't cares" are only too pleased not to waste time in the Strasbourg Parliament.

Actually we never get much over 80 per cent voting, that's a good turn-out, and only half the population is given a vote. The rest of us keep off the register, are too young, jailed or what have you.

Time to bring the voting minority to its senses.

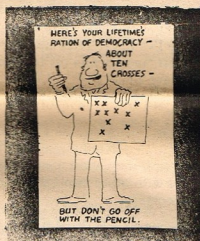
ANARCHIST DEMOCRACY

Anarchy cannot have representatives elected for five year parliaments. We need to keep power with the people.

We prefer to send delegates to put our views on single issues, even vote on them. These are called *mandated delegates*. Once they have done their mandate they are *recalled* back. On return they *report back* to us and if they haven't done well enough, we send off someone else to get it right.

This automatic recall shields us from professional politicians. No more Jeremy Thorpes. (The judge cleared Jeremy of obvious crookedness and only, by his speech to the jury, convicted him of homosexuality which isn't an offence!)

A better idea of anarchist democracy can be found in our leaflet "What is Anarchist Communism?" due out now.



Co-ops & communes

A lot of people were interested in the article about a motor-bike co-operative in the last *Bread and Roses*.

Some have asked us "do you think we can move towards an anarchist communist society by setting up workers' co-operatives?"

The answer to that has to be NO.

Such ventures can make life more pleasant, at least for a time, for the people directly involved, and can provide other people with a glimpse of what could be, but they do not in themselves pose any real threat to the existing system.

For one thing, they have to operate within capitalism, and like any creature which wants to survive they adapt to their environment. Anarchism in one firm, like socialism in one country, is a mirage.

For another thing, it takes a lot of money, or a lot of luck, or both, to set up a co-op. It is not an option which is open

to the vast majority of the working class.

And even where it is possible to set up co-ops, they are usually in a fairly marginal part of society. The "commanding heights" of the economy remain untouched. It is not peaceful competition, but that total "breach of the peace" social revolution, which will wrest these from the grasp of the ruling class.

The same advantages and limitations apply to communes as to co-ops. We are enthusiastically in favour of communal living, both in the anarchist future and here and now. But we don't kid ourselves that a few people living a more friendly sort of life, at least for a time, is the revolution. Revolution is a lot bigger—and a lot less comfortable—than that.

Still, it's nice to know that, if your comrades come back from the barricades and you don't, they will look after the kids.

INTERVIEW

confessions of a male housewife

WHAT'S IT like when traditional sex roles are exchanged?

A man with full time responsibility for three children, two of them pre-school age, speaks about his experiences and feelings.

Question: What do you like about staying home with the kids while their mother goes out to work?

Answer: I used to have to be at work by eight o'clock. This meant rushing out with no breakfast, to catch the bus or train. And if I didn't get there till 8.20, then brother I was late.

I still have to get up pretty early because the two younger ones demand attention, and because I've to get Terry up, give him his breakfast, and see him off to school. But I don't have a mad dash out the door.

Also I don't have a boss or foreman standing over me.

Question: What don't you like about it?

Answer: Not bringing in a wage.
Isolation from adult contact, particularly contact with other men I suppose, as I do meet a few women.

FRANTIC

Although I'm isolated I've got no privacy. There's hardly ever peace and quiet. Sometimes when things go wrong, and both kids start yelling, it drives me frantic. Once I kicked Bobby's rocking horse so hard it went right across the room and broke in two.

When I was the breadwinner I worked hard, but at break times I sat down, drank tea, and lit a cigarette. I suppose I could make myself a cup of tea at home but I couldn't relax. Interruption guaranteed.

Housework isn't hard physically, but it's exhausting.

Question: What are the reactions of other people, and do you ever find these reactions upsetting?

Answer: Well I've got a hide like a rhinoceros so maybe there have been things which would have upset somebody else that I haven't even noticed. But as far as I know reaction has been okay.

FUNNY REMARKS

Some building workers once made a funny remark as I went past which I didn't quite catch. But that didn't bother me. Anyway I'm in no position to blame them as I've done exactly the same thing when I was working as a carpenter.

Some men seem quite impressed to see a man coping, apparently successfully, with two very young children. Perhaps others find it odd but take a good look at me and decide not to say so. I don't want to exaggerate but I can seem the sort you might hesitate to upset.

As for the reaction of women. . . I'd better be careful what I say. The woman next door

once asked me if I felt "emasculated". But she had a twinkle in her eye at the time. She knew perfectly well I didn't. She was indulging in a bit of sexual teasing.

Women shop assistants smile warmly and are more than polite. Women generally seem glad to see me with the kids.

The only thing which upsets me a bit is the attitude of "revolutionaries". Some middle class "feminists" and "libertarians" show less understanding than ordinary working class people.

Question: How does it work out economically?

Answer: Joanne brings home about £55 a week clear from her audio-typing. Then we've got family allowance. I've had a couple of tax rebates which have helped, but each is smaller than the last, and they don't continue indefinitely. I've been looking for part time work for a while but it ain't easy. If I have to pay too much for child-care I could end up working for nothing. And I need to be sure the kids are properly looked after.

RELATIONSHIPS

Question: How has it affected your relationship with your partner?

Answer: Our sex life is much the same as it was, which is pretty good when we're not too tired to enjoy it. There hasn't been any change of position in bed, well no more than the usual variation anyway and she doesn't say to me "come on, get your knickers down" or anything like that. Actually I don't think I would mind if the change had placed new demands on me.

Did you know the Wages For Housework Campaign counts sex with the breadwinner as work which should be paid? Wonder how much I'm owed? It's nice work if you can get it.



As for our relationship generally, Joanne is happier. She'd had enough of being stuck at home. Her employer is a pig, but aren't they all. She's made friends with her workmates, and they've even won a small victory against the boss.

I get the housewives' blues. But I don't blame Joanne when I'm upset, I know it's just something inherent in the nature of housework in this society.

Question: How does this arrangement compare with the usual one? Better, worse, or the same?

Answer: Well it's better in the sense that at least we discussed how to arrange things and made a joint decision. (For practical reasons mind you, not ideological ones.) Apart from that I think it's much the same.

Question: How does it compare with both parents going out to work? Do you intend to go out to work again when the kids are all in school?

Answer: We did both go out to work for a time and it was hell. Joanne had to get the kids to the minder, because of her later starting time. We were really lucky because it was Sally next door who looked after them, which was both convenient and much nicer



than them being with a stranger. But it was still hell. And it was embarrassing money changing hands between friends, we weren't sure if we were paying Sally enough. I do intend to go out to work again. But it will be more than three years before all the kids are in school.

Question: Do you think the children are as happy with you as they would be if their mother was staying home with them?

Answer: Yes. In fact Esther (nearly four) says she prefers it this way. Bobby is too young to express a preference, but Terry is quite happy about it. Of course we sometimes make each other miserable, but that really is the fault of the kind of society we live in, and nothing to do with who's holding the baby. I like most children, and particularly love my own. They know Daddy isn't perfect but they love me anyway.

CONCLUSIONS

Question: Do you draw any general conclusions from your experience?

Answer: I've confirmed the conclusions I came to much earlier in life.
The working class must seize power. That is the only way we'll put an end to the quiet desperation which is the lot of most people.

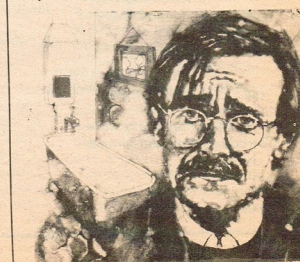
I don't mean we need a "workers' government". There's no such thing. We must change things directly, at work and in the community.

The isolated family living in a flat in the big city is a modern aberration, a temporary aberration in human society. Most human beings throughout history have lived in "extended family" systems.

There was a lot wrong with it, but at least people did try to help. You didn't get old folk becoming sick and dying without anybody even knowing, for instance.

My own childhood in a Scottish village was spent surrounded by the clan, so many relationships I never did work them all out.

We've got to begin to break down the barriers that separate us. Even though it's a process that won't be completed this side of revolution. This is the best hope for us all, parents, children, the old, the sick, everybody.



WHAT WE STAND FOR

BREAD & ROSES is the "paper of the Anarchist Communist Association." But that doesn't mean that everything printed in it has to fit an ACA "line". We will print things by members of the ACA which don't have the official stamp of approval, and we will print things by readers who aren't in the ACA which don't fit in with ACA policy.

CENSORSHIP - we probably wouldn't print anything racist, except perhaps in order to give an editorial reply to it. Otherwise, the only censorship is one of style. We like things to be written so that we can understand them. (If we can, anybody can).

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

We would particularly like to hear from you about things which have happened to you, things you have done, things which you have been involved in along with others, and the lessons you draw from experience.



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IT'S AN INTERNATIONAL ANARCHIST PLOT!

We in the Anarchist Communist Association have been developing our contacts with like minded organisations in other countries, including the Organisation Communiste Libertaire of France, the Anarchist Communist Federation of North America, and the Libertarian Socialist Organisation of Australia.

Amongst the fruits of this contact will be news of the struggle in other countries, and we can probably all learn quite a bit from each others' experiences.

We expect this development to be reflected in future issues of Bread & Roses.

All letters, articles, cartoons, illustrations, photos, etc., for Bread & Roses, should be sent to Box 2, 136 Kingsland High Street, London E8 2NS. Same goes for all communications to the ACA. Cheques etc. should be made payable to the Anarchist Communist Association.

FREEDOM AND EQUALITY

The Anarchist Communist Association exists to fight for a free and equal society in which people control their own lives.

Society would be planned so that people give what they can and get what they need. In place of government there would be a network of workplace and community councils.

Anarchism is not an abstract theory or a utopian dream. It gets its ideas from the practice of working people struggling against their exploitation. In Spain during the 1930s thousands of ordinary people controlled their own lives in this way through factory, street, and village councils.

REVOLUTION NOT REFORM

The courts and parliament, police and army, exist to protect the interests of the rich and powerful.

We know from experience that it is useless to try and reform these institutions by electing representatives to parliament. Neither can they be captured and used in our interests after a revolution. Both simply lead to swapping one form of exploitation for another.

They need to be destroyed completely and immediately replaced with workers' and community councils. If this is to be achieved, we will need to take up arms to defend ourselves.

A REVOLUTION OF EVERYDAY LIFE

Relationships now are based on domination and submission: bosses over workers, men over women, adults over children.

We seek to change all of this. We seek not just an economic revolution but one that also frees us in our social and personal relationships.

DIRECT ACTION

The way to build for revolution is through direct action. This means ignoring official ways of protesting such as general elections. Instead, tactics such as occupying factories and squatting empty houses should be used.

It also means making sure that every struggle is controlled by the people concerned and not, for example, by full time party or union officials.

INTERNATIONALISM

Exploitation not only happens in this country. Ordinary people are exploited throughout the world. In the "communist" world as much as in the "free" world.

The experience of every previous revolution shows that there can be no successful revolution in one country alone and that we need to unite with ordinary people everywhere if we are to be free.

ORGANISATION

If we want to achieve a free classless society, we must organise in the same way.

The A.C.A. rejects equally the idea of creating a party in which a central committee hands down orders to the members and also the dis-organisation of other anarchist groups. Our organisation aims to provide an alternative to both.

Organisation is necessary because it breaks down our individual isolation, helps us to share our experiences, and to co-ordinate our activities. In this way, each thread of resistance can be gradually woven into a tapestry of revolution and freedom.

ODDS & SODS



TORY "DICTATORSHIP" - LORD HAILSHAM

For years Quentin Hogg (Lord Hailsham) made noises about how unfair our "democratic" system was.

He described it as "elective dictatorship".

In 1976 he said the power of parliament to push people around was "quite unacceptable".

He severely criticised the patronage powers of the Prime Minister "who sits like a spider at the centre of its web."

But all that was before a Tory prime minister made Lord Sham a member of the government.

The new spider, elected with the support of just ONE THIRD of the electorate (and a lot of them have had second thoughts since) exercised her power of patronage. And greedy Pigg lapped it up.

They are all hypocrites, all of them. They wouldn't know a principle if it sat up and bit them.



WE WELCOME DESTRUCTIVE CRITICISM

Well that may be a slight exaggeration.

We don't want you to send letter bombs.

If you call us nasty names we might respond in the same way. We don't believe in turning the other cheek.

And of course we would really much prefer constructive criticism of our paper and the A.C.A.

But it's a matter of opinion what constitutes "constructive" criticism, and your opinion may be different from ours.

Every authoritarian outfit from the Russian government to the International Marxist Group will tell you that they welcome constructive criticism.

So—help keep *Bread and Roses* lively, interesting, and different. Send us your destructive criticisms!



RIISING WHAT?

A FEW READERS may have heard a rumour that *Bread and Roses* has been banned by an "anarchist" bookshop. Could there possibly be any truth in this?

Unfortunately there could. Rising Free bookshop in North London, run by people who call themselves anarchists or libertarians, has sunk to censoring class struggle anarchism.

They sold the first issue of *Bread and Roses* (or rather they had it available in their shop and it sold itself). And they were also apparently quite happy about selling the second issue.

They took the third issue, but, having their free read, they returned the bundle to us saying that they didn't want to sell it because of the paper's "attitude".

They didn't specify any particular thing they objected to in the third issue, but they haven't sold *Bread and Roses* since. Don't ask us why.

Still, *Bread and Roses* was never intended as a paper to be sold mainly through bookshops.

SINKING CENSORSHIP

At the beginning of last year members of the A.C.A. took part in a demonstration of protest at the suppression of *Gay News*.

Five thousand people, "gay" and "straight", marched in Trafalgar Square. But the best bit about the demonstration came at the end of it.

W. H. Smiths bookshop had stopped selling *Gay News*. So over a hundred of those who had been on the march went to the Smiths bookshop at nearby Charing Cross and wrecked it. Absolutely tore it apart.

Now that's how to deal with censorship.



SILLY FUCKERS

"COMMUNIST" CHINA, which used to have a total ban on birth control, has reversed its policy with a vengeance.

According to the *Observer* there is now massive social pressure on workers and peasants to practice birth control. The childless are rewarded with status symbols and anyone who has more than one child is considered "irresponsible".

In some areas third children are treated as "non-persons"—for instance, by being denied a ration book. There are persistent rumours of forced sterilisation.

This programme is about as popular in the Chinese countryside as Indira Gandhi's was in India.

THE ANARCHIST ATTITUDE

Our attitude towards "the population question" is that there isn't one. We reject equally pressure to increase population and pressure to decrease it.

In contrast to state "communism", we trust in the good sense of ordinary people to have or not to have children as they choose—given the choices are known.

However it has to be said that there are some people calling themselves "anarchist" (not members of the Anarchist Communist Association) who share the totalitarian attitude that "that which isn't forbidden should be compulsory".

An example of this can be found in the "anarchist" paper *Freedom*, which had a front page article welcoming China's population programme with the words "three cheers for care-free Chinese fucking!"

Silly fuckers. That isn't OUR idea of freedom.



INTERESTED ? There are ACA contact addresses in Birmingham, Burnley, East Anglia, Glasgow, and London. For more details write - or fill in the thing below - and send to ACA, Box 2, 136 Kingsland High Street, London E8 2NS.

I want to join the ACA ☐
I'd like more information about ACA ☐
(tick whichever is appropriate)

NAME

ADDRESS

CLASSROOM STRUGGLE



you didn't know you could do before. She also said we couldn't have a bigger choice of games; because we didn't have the equipment.

my answer

My answer to that would be: there are two games periods a week, so one of them could be a free period. (That would be an answer to the "games is a kind of lesson thing.")

To the "not enough equipment" thing I'd say the school doesn't make full use of the equipment it's got.

A few days after that, I started a school kids union, which broke down the same day cause of football.

Then I wrote a draft of a leaflet expressing my ideas about school, which I wanted to show to my friend Leith to see what he thought of it. I didn't get the chance, a grassy girl told Miss, who confiscated it and said it was a nice joke. But if it was a nice joke, she was saying it wouldn't make any difference and she's not scared of it, but if she confiscated it, it means she doesn't want anyone to see it and she's scared.

why not

What I've done has done some good. There are two doors to the school corridor, and one of them you're not allowed to go through, and once I was inside, by that door, when some children wanted to come in, but instead of telling them to go to the other door, I unbolted the door they were at and let them in. One girl tried to stop me, but I said I don't see why we can't go through this door, to which a boy in my class said "not you and your rights again". I know this doesn't sound very good, but at least he knows what rights are. Before, he didn't.

By a Primary School Student.

petty rules

How I think school could be improved is by being able to choose which subject you want to do, and also not having to go to assembly. Petty rules really get you down too. On Monday I was on detention (staying 15 minutes longer than normal just for moving out of my seat in class and talking to someone).

Once I drew up a petition asking for games time to be free time. I got about 18 people on my side, took the petition up to the head who said I should come back with more people on the list. So I got more names on the petition, in fact a majority of the children in my class agreed, until teacher put everyone off by saying that they had enough freedom already, and that in games you can find out that you can do something that

NUSS

National Union
of School Students
302 Pentonville Road
London N1
phone 01-278 3291



Dear Bread & Roses,

I can understand the bitterness of the writer of 'Workers United' towards *Socialist Challenge*, or should we say Scabist Challenge.

The way the "International Marxist" paper reported the Malvern dispute could have dampened potential support for the strikers, and provided very welcome reading for Managing Director Howe in his last-word-of-luxury office.

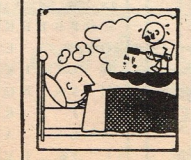
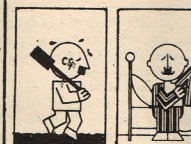
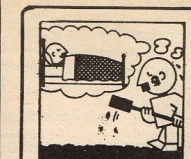
They did print a letter of protest from the Strike Committee a week later—but cut the bit which showed it wasn't just a case of sloppy reporting, but sectarian vindictiveness.

Meanwhile an ever increasing number of capitalists are publishing "employee reports"—that is, propaganda aimed at those they exploit.

And according to a survey done by R. Hussey of the St. Edmund Hall Industrial Relations Unit, Oxford, most employees both read and believe these reports.

Which surely makes it even more vital to have papers controlled by the workers in which a more sceptical view can be put forward!

Ron Jackson



Dear Friends & Comrades,

On May 9, 1979 there was a take over of the Washington State Penitentiary at Walla Walla, Wash. over the inhuman and illegal treatment and conditions. The Penitentiary was held for twelve hours non-violently before a surrender occurred. The entire prison population supported this take-over, and a member of the Anarchist Black Dragon Collective, Carl L. Harp was involved. Many other ABDC members stood up in support of the take-over and Carl's courageous involvement.

Now Carl is buried in segregation facing a major political trial this year. If he loses he faces 10 years plus "Habitual Criminal" charges along with his four consecutive life terms.

Right now the situation is bad. On June 15th a guard was killed and the prison has been locked down ever since with a massive right wing reactionary attack against all prisoners here by the guards. We do not know when it will let up or what will happen from it.

Carl Harp, Robert S. Green Jr and Robert C. Washburn, all involved in the May 9th take-over, have been threatened with burial in the segregation unit....literally! We urge your support for these three by writing protest letters to every official possible in the world to keep them safe and allow them a fair trial. We urge you to send letters of solidarity to these three brave prisoners who faced and still face death for Justice and Human rights in prison. They need our support to give them strength and courage. Please help them with literature and funds for stamps. Please don't let them die or be railroaded by the state. They especially want to get Carl Harp because he is an Anarchist, a revolutionary who has fought the state for six years to prove his innocence and for Human Rights and Justice in prison. Please send money for Carl's legal needs to the defence fund:-

Hennie Mulder
Hapotec International
P.O. Box 10638
Amsterdam, Holland

Our love to all of you out there.

NEITHER GOD NOR MASTER!

ANARCHIST BLACK DRAGON COLLECTIVE
Washington State Prison

Write to Carl as follows:-

Carl L. Harp 126516
P.O. Box 520
Walla Walla WA 99362

THE AWKWARD SQUAD

We've decided to have an "Awkward Questions" feature in Bread & Roses.

The idea is that you readers send us tricky questions and we come up with brilliant answers and that way convince a lot more people our ideas make sense.

Don't ask us to explain the theory of relativity though. We could, but that's not what this paper's for.

We mean awkward political questions. If you've got any, let's be having them!

Bread & Roses



Trouble in the goal industry

DESPITE the very high wages some footballers receive, footballers generally have to put up with feudal conditions of employment. Not only in this country but wherever the game is played.

Now things are beginning to change. The players are organising and fighting back. In Britain, players are to achieve 'freedom of contract' this summer. But even this limited success was only achieved when the players threatened strike action last year. In Spain and the USA the players have gone one step further and actually gone on strike.

The following article on the Spanish footballers' strike has been translated from the newspaper of the CNT, the anarchist inspired trade union in Spain, which has a membership approaching 500,000.

SPANISH FOOTBALLERS STRIKE

Spanish football fans could not watch any game on Sunday March 4th. For the very first time, all the country's professional football players were on strike. Every player took part from the highest to the lowest paid.

They were striking in support of the following demands: *Abolition of the right of clubs to retain players.*

No compulsory retirement age. Clubs to pay the players' national insurance contributions, etc.

An earlier strike called by the players union (the AFE) for September 1978 had been called off after the Spanish Football Federation had promised to publicise the players' demands by December 31st 1978. When they failed to do this, the players were left with no alternative but strike action.

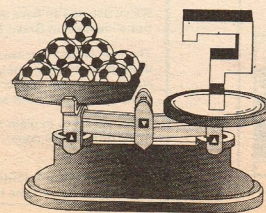
However, the players reasons for striking were totally distorted by the mass media and particularly by Miguel Ors, the

sports commentator of RTVE television, who always took the side of the clubs and the Federation and never presented the players case.

Despite these attempts to make the strike unpopular, the strike was a success and no football game was played even though the Ministry of Works declared the strike illegal.

Faced with this solidarity the clubs and the Federation reacted in the best Francoist tradition by fining the players 10 per cent of their wages.

Now it is up to the football players to have the last word. Are they going to declare indefinite strike?



GULAG GAMES

"The Soviet authorities regard the forthcoming Olympic Games as an event of great significance for their propaganda. . . The operation of clearing Moscow of dissidents has already been launched and we expect the escalation of this campaign. We implore you to prevent it."

So appealed the Moscow Helsinki Monitoring Group to the International Olympic Committee (IOC). IOC have listened keenly with a deaf ear and made it clear they'll disqualify any sportsman to make a 'political gesture' (protest).

Meanwhile the KGB is taking steps to keep all dissidents from seeing foreign Games visitors. It has two men on the Moscow Games organising committee, A. Gresko and S. Nikitin. To rub salt in the wound, prisoners in labour camps are off normal chores to make souvenirs for the Games.

HITLER'S ARYANS

The mentality of all dictatorships loves ceremony and spectacle. Hitler also used the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games to show the 'success' of Nazism!

The 1980 Olympic spectacle will show the triumph of Soviet bureaucracy which holds the Russian and other peoples of the USSR in its iron grip.

Olympic Games were aimed to foster freedom and brotherhood. Yet what freedom is there when thousands of people whose only 'crime' is questioning Stalin's ideology now rot behind barbed wire in labour camps.

And what freedom is there when perfectly sane dissidents are locked up and tortured in prisons disguised as psychiatric hospitals?

Algirdas Zipre, an anti-Communist partisan of Lithuania, gave himself up under an amnesty in 1956. Two years later he got 25 years gaol. A more recent decree said the maximum was 15 years. So in 1973, when he thought his release was due, he was surprised with another 10 years. He wrote protesting letters, this convinced the authorities he was 'insane' and he's now in the psychiatric section of the camp.

There are thousands of others.

SOVIET UNION—SCABBING

Vladimir Klebanov, N. Nikolaev and G. Ivanov are in 'psychiatric care' for attempting to form a trade union independent of the State.

Valentin Poplavski is fired and beaten up for not reprimanding a woman who complained about the misuse of company funds for drinking funds.

That's brotherhood for you. Like the shooting or gaoing of strikers. It's freedom for you. Like the freedom of dissidents to be fired and then branded as parasites in prison!



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD

The USSR contains all the empire of the old Tsars and a few others thrown in. The Red Army is always ready to support brother tyrants in Hungary or Czechoslovakia—with tanks—if the workers there get any freedom.

South African Rugby and Cricket teams in 1970 met with determined opposition from the Left. This was the best thing to do with a spectacle for the brutal and oppressive regime of that country, but have you heard the noisy silence over the Moscow Olympics?

Stalin's regime—it's not much changed in the 24-odd years since his death—is no better than Vorster's. The only opposition seems to be Right-winger Norris McWhirter (Guinness book of records) and Frank Chapple (Electricians' and Plumbers' Union), who will make their own propaganda for the alternative tyranny of the likes of the National Association for 'Freedom' (NAFF) or whatever.

As Libertarians, we champion liberty against all tyrannies, regardless of form or colour. Freedom would have a set-back with the Moscow Olympics, we must campaign to stop them.

Terry Liddle

LAYOUT WORKER'S COMMENT

Nothing short of an earthquake is going to stop the games. What we should be doing is using the games as a springboard in a campaign to publicise the plight of workers in the Soviet Union. The soviet authorities are sensitive to pressure and criticism, especially from the labour movement. Anyone interested in getting a campaign together should write to the ACA.

REMEMBER last year's crossword? Well, this is the solution.
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**TORY APPEAL FOR THE 80s:
MAKE THE RICH RICHER
GIVE US ALL
YOUR MONEY!**



The Conservative party have forced local councils to cut back on social services. The Labour party warned us that this would happen. However, Labour councils are not only making the full cuts, but, like the Tories are doing so in areas where they hope to meet the least resistance: attacking the unemployed, the old, the sick (see inside), and the young.

Unemployment figures are already rising, and the closures of schools and hospitals will certainly make sure that trend continues, and leave fewer vacancies for those already unemployed.

PENSIONERS

Old people in council run accommodation are to have their heating turned down - a measure which illustrates the control the council can exercise over people's lives, and a measure which could easily lead to tragedy. Paraffin heaters will be used again to make up for the drop in temperature after they have been phased out due to the accidents, particularly with old folk, paraffin and its fumes have caused.

CRUEL FOR KIDS

Other cuts seem not only cruel but petty; cutting back on services which mean a lot to a few people, but which cost very little. Tobacco and sweets allowances worth £1 a week will be cut from old people's homes. A playgroup in a polytechnic in London which would give single parents a chance to study, is to be axed when the time to keep it going is a meagre £132 a year.

FIGHTING BACK

In Islington, North London, local parents and others with

writing to and visiting ward
councillors telling them how
their patch was going to be
affected.

LOCAL REALITY

Hearing that millions of pounds are being cut from the health service, or from education, only implies that services already inadequate are going to be more so. You cannot feel the "cutting millions of pounds" causing hardship - that's why politicians use such phrases - but losing your job, having the local hos-

pital or nursery closing down brings this hardship directly to you. It was by localising the campaign in Islington that they got it across that cuts are real.

WORK NOW, PAY LATER

Sir Keith Joseph, who is rich and privileged, clearly has not grasped the reality. The disabled, he admits, do not have sufficient care facilities. Why? Because we do not work hard enough to improve our balance of payments. So work hard and then the Tories will recommend

increased care. Labour give us a similar message when they hold the whip.

PROFIT KILLS

Who are they trying to kid? The millions of small children, sick or disabled people, and old age pensioners who need constant or near constant care, need that care now. Pain doesn't wait for profits. The government, with all its power, knowingly inflicts pain for the sake of that few who gain the profit. Indeed profits have increased so much (400% from 1973 to 1978) in a time that public spending has decreased so much (except on the military, and on the increasingly military police force), that it is clear that no government has any intention of easing suffering. They mention the misery caused by the lack of necessary facilities only to make us feel guilty about it.



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The Engineering Dispute: SUCCESS OR FAILURE

TERRY DUFFY hailed last autumn's engineering strike as a great success - thanks of course to his "tough negotiating".

But was it such a great success? And who really was the driving force behind the strike?

What follows is the view of an A.C.A. member who was active in the strike.

To begin with the strike was called for one day a week, Monday, for three weeks. The response of the Engineering Employers Federation (EEF) was so vicious that it provoked the CSEU into expanding the action to two days a week.

Balls up

At first I opposed the action, pointing out that at no time had I, or anyone else, been consulted. If head office was so keen on the strike they were welcome to it. However you can't preach solidarity and not practice it. So I joined the ranks of the faithful.

A committee had been set up for the area consisting of paid officials of the CSEU unions and some shop stewards. This dealt with exemptions from strike action, safety men and security people and so on. They even made

a balls-up of that.

Real direction

The real direction came from the group of militants I am active in. We took the name "The Liaison Committee for the Defence of the CSEU claim". We undertook a constant picket of the two or three scab places where help was needed. It was not without its risks: two people were knocked down, or hit by a coach driven at speed through the picket line. In one case a scab drove his car through the line at a fantastic speed, carrying one person about 20 feet on his bonnet. The driver stopped and then complained about damage to his car. The hitherto peaceful picket degenerated into something very near a riot and the management called the police. However they sent

the scabs home without pay.

Assaulting a bus

Though the police were informed about the two incidents they declined to take any action. One sergeant said quite openly that his job was to get the coach through, and if anyone got hurt trying to stop it that was their fault. If he caught them he would have them down the road. Another policeman complained about damage being done to a coach. When he heard that the blinker was busted because it had caught my shoulder when the driver broke through, he walked away. But the point was understood by all. The police had been bought. Maggie's 60% had been money well spent.

Fighting the state

Halfway through the strike it seemed like stalemate. The EEF wouldn't bend and the Union couldn't, or so we thought. The chief spokesman for the CSEU, Duffy of the AUEW, put us right. He went on record

as saying that he would concede points three and four, as well as dropping the £80 ceiling called for in point one. This is when the strike was solid! God knows what would have happened if there had been a collapse of morale.

The EEF

tried to escalate the trouble by talking about a lock-out. That this was taken up by a firm owned by the National

STATISTICS

WHAT THEY ASKED FOR

The engineering claim consisted originally of 13 points, but the executive of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions (CSEU) cut this down to 4 points.

1. £80 minimum for skilled and pro rata for semi and unskilled.
2. Two extra days holiday a year.
3. A reduction in the working week to 35 hours by 1982.
4. A common implementation date.

WHAT THEY GOT

THE RESULT OF THE STRIKE WAS:

ONE HOUR off the working week in 1982;

ONE DAY's extra holiday for the next 5 years.

Enterprise Board was of great significance. To me at least it meant that we were clearly fighting the Government, not just the bosses. When Rolls Royce locked out its employees they asked workers at firms doing sub-contract work to black Rolls Royce jobs. Every firm asked did so. But there was a problem. About 20 firms, small ones, had conceded the unions' claim. Several of these were on sub-contract to Rolls Royce, whose shop stewards committee wanted them to black the work. But the District Committee of the AUEW, the biggest union in the Confed., said no. The unions having given their word must keep it; if these firms had conceded the claim they were entitled to work. They couldn't understand that the struggle had widened: Maggie Thatcher and her friends hadn't conceded.

claim.

Was it worth it? No. The Confed, negotiate on two levels, the important one being the local one. The national claim made the fight for the local wage deals so much harder. Indeed the executive of the AUEW told the EEF that if they accepted the national claim they would see that the local wage claims were kept to a minimum.

Lessons

What should we have done? We should have politicised the strike. Easier said than done but at least we should have tried.

It should have been pointed out that we were fighting the Government, not just the EEF, and that only widening the struggle to involve all sections of the class could bring them down.

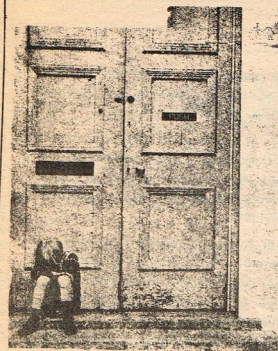
Other sections of the working class are going to find themselves in struggle with the Thatcher regime. The best way for the engineering workers to break out of a straitjacket settlement is to side with them in their fight to defend living standards and shorten hours.

Worth it?

Why was the strike called in the first place? Duffy being in the AUEW was up for election next year and had to try to prove himself. Also his pride was hurt by the cavalier way the EEF treated the original four point

the visit





DEPARTMENT OF
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SECURITY

WHO DOES SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT?



The supplementary benefit scheme works to ensure that no one is too poor to survive. The D.H.S.S. Department of Health and Social Security realise that it does not work too well, and have produced a document - "Social Assistance" - which shows how they want things changed.

new claims

For the first eight weeks of their claim, unemployed or disabled people, people caring for elderly or sick relatives at home, widows and single parents would be put on a standard payment regardless of rent - with no back payments to help with arrears. Those who resigned from, or were sacked from their last job, would still have 40% deducted from this basic rate for that period.

appeals

The scheme would be generally removed from judicial review. Lump sum payments needed for furniture, clothing etc., have in fact, often been increased when

an appeal has been made against an inadequate offer. This right of appeal is to be completely taken away.

exceptional needs

People with exceptional needs - diabetics, those particularly sensitive to the cold, those who need regular transport to and from hospital for example - will no longer get any "exceptional circumstances additions" but will have to rely upon a derisory 6 monthly payment of £6.50 per single person - top whack!

pensioners

Over 2 million pensioners need to claim supplementary benefits due to inadequate pensions. The Supplementary Benefits Review recommends that the rate of benefit for pensioners be reduced by 40p
sponsors & school leavers
Sponsors would be unlikely to offer sponsorship to immigrants in the future. If a sponsored settler needed to claim, the

red alert on the 'enterprise'

When Maggie Thatcher "emerged" as Tory leader, and then went on to win the support of advertising agencies, media pundits, and one third of the electorate as prime minister, much was made of the fact that she is a woman. She herself would have none of it - she attached much greater significance to the fact that she was the first science graduate prime minister.

This was bad news for those of us who love science - it's people like Thatcher who get science associated with soulless automatons. Oh, she smiles more than Spock of Star Trek does, but her smile looks like a programmed reaction. And at least Spock is half human.

But the truth of the matter is that Thatcher's policies owe a lot more to the darkest kind of Tory tribal mumbo jumbo than to reason and scientific method.

And her typical reaction when things go wrong (which, given false initial assumptions, they are bound to) is to blame workers outside agitators, reds, communists, anarchists.

We can be sure of hearing plenty of this in the months ahead.

THE BOSSES UNITED

The Confederation of British Industry has drawn up plans for bosses' solidarity. The "free market" is to be cast aside, and strong firms are to help weaker ones to resist workers' demands.

This policy had a certain amount of success during the engineering dispute. The bosses successfully resisted demands for a shorter working week - they were very glad to get away with



The woman who believes public spending should be cut—so we can spend more on arms. This is known in politics as being 'moderate'.

one hour of the week in 1981.

Of course, if all sections of the working class stand together, demonstrate solidarity, and help each others' struggles, bosses may rediscover that they are competitors.

THE BOSSES DIVIDED

The dispute at Times Newspapers ended in defeat for the management's offensive. The workers went back to increases of 50 to 60 percent (thinly disguised as productivity deals in some cases) with little concession to the bosses' original list of demands.

The other Fleet Street bosses "welcomed" the return of Times Newspapers, but expressed horror at the implications for

themselves.

SHORTER WORKING WEEK

Most workers have claims pending for a shorter working week. But nobody has really made the breakthrough yet. It is vital that it should be made - apart from benefitting the workers directly concerned, it could cut unemployment "at a stroke".

The print union, NGA, is making a top-priority push for the 35-hour week.

And even traditionally more "backward" sections of workers are realising how far their conditions fall behind their counterparts in the Common Market and other countries - for instance, the farm workers have a claim

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sponsor would be expected to support them!

School leavers will no longer be able to receive any benefits at all until the next term begins. This leaves them dependent upon their parents and more likely to take the first job they can get.

breadwinners

When two people of the opposite sex live together, one would be identified as "the breadwinner" and the other as "the dependant". All women would be initially regarded as dependents, having to challenge the mans status with her own employment record. Three-quarters of all women would in this way never be treated as "breadwinners".

equal treatment

The "nominated breadwinner" scheme would not bring equal treatment for men and women claiming supplementary benefit. A system which defines certain claimants as dependent on other people and refuse to provide them with an independent income

would put them in a position of having their personal relationships and control of their own lives dictated by the state.

minimum incomes

The review team did consider treating all claimants individually but dismissed the idea as too expensive! However, if a basic minimum income was paid to those out of work - considerably higher than the current level of supplementary benefit - a vast proportion of today's claimants would no longer need to claim.

The biggest problem with supplementary benefits is that the money is simply not enough to live on. The review team admit that benefits are too low, but they do not recommend any

more money to the scheme. Their answer is to admit that some claimants will receive "rough justice" - as if they didn't already.

national campaign

By happily dishing out their rough justice for people already in poverty they do no less than gamble with lives, and make whole sections of the community even poorer.

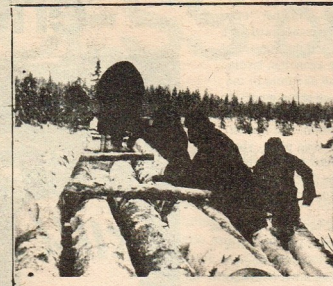
If you would like more information about the review, or would like to join the "National Campaign against Social Security Cuts" you can contact them at:
Flat C,
20, Colville Square,
London W11
Tel. 01-221-6877.

SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN TAKES OFF

A GROWING number of groups and individuals on the libertarian left are becoming involved in the Campaign for Solidarity with the Soviet Working Class, following the initiative taken by members of the A.C.A. and Solidarity.

The Campaign is also spreading overseas — the Spanish Anarcho-Communist group La Cecilia are organising a similar campaign concentrating on the defence of the comrades who have been interned in the infamous Serbsky Institute, a psychiatric institution for the imprisonment of dissidents. The article announcing the formation of the campaign which was published in "Bread and Roses" has been republished in the Portuguese libertarian journal "A Batalha".

The British campaign held a meeting on December 9 to discuss the initiation of a continuing campaign of direct action (we have several potential targets in mind)



Inmates of Soviet labour camps loading and transporting timber.

aimed at winning further support (in particular from the organised working class movement), gaining publicity in the mass-media, making more widely known the struggle of the Soviet working class against the parasitic bureaucracy and the terrible plight of those who have suffered imprisonment and victimization at the hands of the K.G.B. for their participation in the struggle.

Unless militants in the West speak out on their behalf many of them, their health undermined by the harsh conditions of their

imprisonment, face death behind the barbed wire of the Gulag.

Future activities include a meeting on the anniversary of the Kronstadt revolt and the repudiation of Petrochenko's (chairman of the Kronstadt Commune) pamphlet "The Truth About Kronstadt". A briefing document about the current struggles of the Soviet Working class, which will be circulated to the trade union movement, is being prepared.

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in for £100 a week for a 35 hour week. This represents more than 100% on their present wage.

Of course farmers will say they can't afford it. As a country boy myself, with plenty of experience of gathering tatties and so on as a "casual", I know what farmers are like. They moan all the way to the bank.

NO FENCE TO SIT ON

The bosses have a crisis on their hands. They are trying to make the workers pay for it. In these circumstances there can be no standing still for the working class. We either go forward - or back.

We cannot afford to be defeated. It was the defeats of the Twenties which led directly to the terrible experience of the Thirties.

We mustn't fall for the bosses line about "one man's wage rise is another man's price rise". The bosses are rich. They can afford wage rises without putting prices up.

And if they won't bloody well do it, then it's high time we got rid of the boss class once and for all.

The workers - UNITED - really can't be defeated. DYC.

will it be the Anarchic 80s?

At the start of a new year, indeed, in this case, a new decade, it is customary for newspapers to print some waffle about the significance of this. We have decided to follow the custom - though, of course, ours will be better waffle.

What are the prospects for anarchy in the eighties, then?

At the risk of sounding pedantic, it depends what you mean by "anarchy".

Politicians, television pundits, and hack journalists, use "anarchy" to mean "chaos", which includes just about anything they disapprove of.

Self-proclaimed anarchists, like us, use it differently. Use it properly.

"Anarchy" means a condition of society in which there is no government.

It does not mean a condition of society in which there are competing governments or would-be governments. It does not mean a condition of society in which a government is behaving even worse than usual.

So you don't have "anarchy" in Ulster. What you've got there is too many governments.

And you don't have "anarchy" in Iran. What you've got there is a fanatically Muslim government

In fact, you don't have anarchy anywhere in the world today — though here and there you can find promising glimpses of what could be.

Just occasionally you find something which the powers that be would condemn as "anarchy", which we anarchists would hail as such.

So, to answer this question about the 80's, they look like being a time of increasing chaos (not exactly sticking our necks out very far saying that) in which the advancing decay of class society will make the story so far look fairly rational.

A lot of people, disturbed at being in the grip of forces they can't control, frightened by a world gone mad, will seek irrational "solutions" in a form of madness themselves. Apocalyptic religious sects will be on fertile ground.

But others will look for a more sensible way out of the mess by seeking to take control of their own lives, the places where they work, their communities, their environment, in free and equal co-operation with their fellow human beings. So yes, we do expect the 80's to see an increase in anarchy.

We are of course going to do our little bit to try to undermine the power of every government and would-be government, and to try to ensure that libertarian communism prevails throughout the world. We are happy to work with other libertarians and anarchists in this — on a clearly thought out and agreed basis.

We think this paper has a role to play in making the world a better place. If you agree (or even if you're a bit sceptical) we'd like to hear from you.

Help us make it the anarchic eighties!

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DOWN WITH POPULATION CONTROL

No, I'm not against voluntary contraception. I've practised it myself. But all over the world pressures on people are overwhelmingly against the right to have children.

So far there's been no need for population controllers to force their policies on Western women and men; the conditions of industrial capitalism have done it for them, as any "liberated" woman trying to do two jobs could explain to you. According to the *New Internationalist*, a publication concerned with world development and in favour of family planning, "All over the world people are deciding to have fewer babies. ... It is in the industrialised world that family size has dwindled most. ... Economic pressure is the main brake. ... For unlike the children of the developing world, who cost little extra and can be economic assets by the age of ten, children in the affluent world remain expensive financial liabilities at least until their education is finished."

capitalism

Long, fixed hours of wage-labour a long journey from home mean that children must be excluded from economic life, and women or men looking after children at home become financially dependent (on their partner or the state) and looked down on. There's no halfway; you're a full-time employee or a non-person staying at home, perhaps with a low-paid dead-end part-time job. And the unions, with their rigid ideas, like it that way.

pressure

But the population-controllers are taking no chances.

The National Health is pushing birth-control on women at ante-natal clinics, with loaded questions and snide remarks about their contraceptive methods. An obstetrician to whom I protested about this said, "Obviously, small families are better from every point of view." Full stop.

will the pill be compulsory by 1984

In August the Scottish Sheriff ruled that an unmarried mother should

receive only £1 per week token maintenance from the father because she hadn't used the Pill. The Secretary of State for Scotland, George Younger, refused to intervene, giving constitutional reasons



why he should keep out of it. Labour MP Judith Hart had planned to ask the Lord Advocate to do something, since according to the *Guardian* "the decision would seem to introduce a new principle into the law".

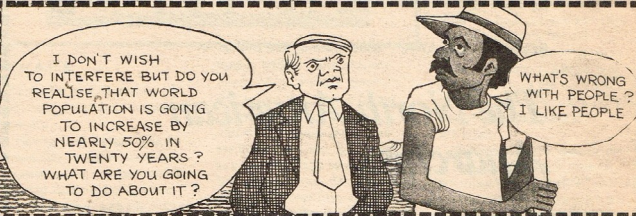
How long before single mothers are denied supplementary benefit on the same principle?

anti-family policy

To look at the record of governments in recent years on matters affecting families is to have the impression leap out at you that the ruling class wants to keep the population down.

The tax position of families has steadily declined. Child tax allowances were completely abolished, to be replaced by Child Benefit, which the Tories have frozen because Thatcher thinks they are a disincentive to work.

Yet when Mr Jenkin is considering paying for day



nurseries, he decides that he wants Mother to have a disincentive to work because the family needs her care.

Child Benefit has the disadvantage (compared with tax allowances) of

plenty to go round but who gets it?

The N.I. tells us, "...it is estimated that only half of the world's potential agricultural land is now being cultivated. ... it has been estimated by W.H. Pawney of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation that the earth's resources could feed ten times its present population."

A UN conference last spring reported that "Eight hundred million people are destitute ... Other reports show they are getting hungrier, although food production is growing faster than population in the Third World, because they are too poor to buy enough to eat." (Geoffrey Lean, *Observer*)

what do you want?

But what it boils down to is not one person's statistics or the other person's forecasts, but whether you think human life is a good thing. If you think birth should be welcomed and old age cherished, you'll see any problems of resources or of space as just that: not as problems of too many people.

The population-control enthusiasts have a capitalist outlook - all they care about is technology and money for the benefit of a superhuman elite. Ideally they'd like the proles to be born at 16 and die at 50, or better yet have all the work done by robots.

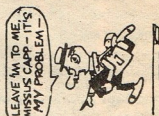
So they tell women that being well-groomed, child-free and steadily employed in some nice clean air-conditioned office is "liberation" and "fulfil-

ment", while raising children is dirty and plebeian. Women and men are taught to worship free-spending, loveless and of course childless fucking. That's "permissiveness".

Is that the kind of world that working-class people want?



NO, MATE, IT'S MINE - I WAS GOING TO DONATE IT TO THE KENT'S STRANGLE FUND!



LEAVE 'EM TO ME - MINDS CAP - IT'S MY PROBLEM -



I'LL KILL 'EM - I'VE TAKEN ALL THE CASH OUT OF THE RENT IN!

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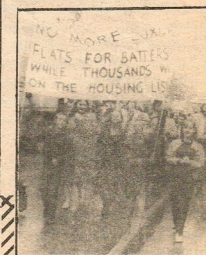
cloud set off down the river Thames and across to Chelsea. A fitting passing gesture from a factory that crippled a few generations with lung silicosis (carbon dust).



Morgans factory crumbling before the broom.

But Brian Barnes has since been in dock. After hearing the case, the fact that the local authority will not necessarily allow the office block by Battersea Bridge Road (making the demolition totally spiteful), and the time it took the painters to do the mural — 18 months, the magistrate gave Brian an absolute discharge.

And the fight continues. The luxury flats and offices will do nothing for



THE A.C.A. - WHAT WE STAND FOR

FREEDOM AND EQUALITY

The Anarchist Communist Association exists to fight for a free and equal society in which people control their own lives.

Society would be planned so that people give what they can and get what they need. In place of government there would be a network of workplace and community councils.

Anarchism is not an abstract theory or a utopian dream. It gets its ideas from the practice of working people struggling against their exploitation. In Spain during the 1930s thousands of ordinary people controlled their own lives in this way through factory, street, and village councils.

REVOLUTION NOT REFORM

The courts and parliament, police and army, exist to protect the interests of the rich and powerful.

We know from experience that it is useless to try and reform these institutions by electing representatives to parliament. Neither can they be captured and used in our interests after a revolution. Both simply lead to swapping one form of exploitation for another.

They need to be destroyed completely and immediately replaced with workers' and community councils. If this is to be achieved, we will need to take up arms to defend ourselves.

A REVOLUTION OF EVERYDAY LIFE

Relationships now are based on domination and submission: bosses over workers, men over women, adults over children.

We seek to change all of this. We seek not just an economic revolution but one that also frees us in our social and personal relationships.

DIRECT ACTION

The way to build for revolution is through direct action. This means ignoring official ways of protesting such as general elections. Instead, tactics such as occupying factories and squatting empty houses should be used.

• It also means making sure that every struggle is

controlled by the people concerned and not, for example, by full time party or union officials.

INTERNATIONALISM

Exploitation not only happens in this country. Ordinary people are exploited throughout the world. In the "communist" world as much as in the "free" world.

The experience of every previous revolution shows that there can be no successful revolution in one country alone and that we need to unite with ordinary people everywhere if we are to be free.

ORGANISATION

If we want to achieve a free classless society, we must organise in the same way.

The A.C.A. rejects equally the idea of creating a party in which a central committee hands down orders to the members and also the dis-organisation of other anarchist groups. Our organisation aims to provide an alternative to both.

Organisation is necessary because it breaks down our individual isolation, helps us to share our experiences, and to co-ordinate our activities. In this way, each thread of resistance can be gradually woven into a tapestry of revolution and freedom.

INTERESTED ? There are ACA contact addresses in Birmingham, Burnley, East Anglia, Glasgow, and London. For more details write - or fill in the thing below - and send to ACA, Box 2, 136 Kingsland High Street, London E8 2NS.

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I'd like more information about ACA ☐

(tick whichever is appropriate)

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the people of Battersea. No-one disputes that the needs are low-cost housing, unskilled and semi-skilled industrial work, nurseries and public services. Morgans can't make money out of that, needless to say, so they will not give up without a fight.



Mickey Mouse's arse in flames — Battersea's answer to a scheme for a tourists' Disneyland in Battersea Park.

DURING the protest on the wall on June 6th, no end of supporters turned up and so did lots of police. Even the much loved SPG of Southall fame came with guns! Some folks had to be nicked: they were. The Muralists Defence Fund is being supported by the sale of sets of colour photos of the mural at 70p. Write to Bread & Roses for a set.

from carl harp

Dear Friends,

I was very pleased to receive the little package with your paper, and the pamphlet introducing your association coupled with the note of solidarity. I too am an A.C., and was excited to receive your literature; what a fine little paper you have, and your pamphlet is great. I salute your efforts. I also thank you very much for your support of me in your paper.

Enclosed is a newspaper clipping updating my situation — as you can see I went through a rough go, nearly didn't make it, and am now in the California State Prison known as San Quentin. Robert Shane Green and Robert C. Washburn are still at the Washington State Penitentiary, and so far are well. I too now am well and doing o.k. They could use mail for the spirits (P.O. Box 520 Walla Walla, Wn. 99362). My new address for awhile is now P.O. Box C-7100 Tamal, Calif. 94964. Please keep me on your mailing list and I shall try to contribute articles now and then.

I wish to thank all of you who helped with my defense fund — it is important that I have that help to get any justice at all, every dollar helps even if that is all anyone can send. Letters of protest and support are also vital and appreciated; they keep me safe and give me strength. I have been struggling for six years in prison now, it gets harder and harder as I go along cause they hate me more and more, but I can take their hate and more if I know I have your love my friends and your support. I have no idea how long I will be in this prison, but wherever I go you will eventually know it — always know you are in my thoughts. I send my love to you all.

I trust you all know the importance and value of study? The best two books on A.C. are Malatesta's "Anarchy" and Alexander Berkman's "The ABC of Anarchist Communism". Study helps both theory and practise. Know what you're about! And remember unity is the main weapon of struggle...

Love and Rage,

Carl Harp

Please send money for Carl's legal needs to the defence fund:-

Hennie Mulder
Haptoec International
P.O. Box 10638
Amsterdam, Holland

Dear Bread & Roses,

I welcome the articles you published in the last "Bread & Roses", and hope your readers will join or form anti-nuclear groups to work with an "organisation" to stop nuclear madness.

Right now they can help by reporting all movements of contaminated fuel in Britain — the atomic reactors produce no end of waste — three tons of radio isotopes frequently pass through our area. I enclose a diagram of one of the transport "flasks" with this letter.

The only safety tests have been done with scale models — what if an 80 mph passenger train hits one? Lethal!

My group fights the atomic madness with direct action and other means and welcomes new fighters. Will you publish our contact address?: 9 Combermere Rd, London SW2.

Thanks,

J. Turner
South London Anti-Nuclear
Affinity Group

LETTERS

Dear A.C.A.

Thanks for your statement of aims and principles, constitution etc.

Having read through this I would like to make one or two comments (if I may be so bold). I gather that members are expected to agree with the gist of what is stated, although party liners is not what you are looking for. To me the main gist seems to be the usual (not using the word derogatorily), workers control, direct action, participatory democracy etc. As I said in my letter (to the ACA) I do consider myself a communist and thus logically agree with these aspirations. However there is another aspect of your ideas which I find harder to swallow and I want to know a little more about this. This is the class struggle aspect.

Before I am accused of reac-

tionary middle-class elitism/ enemy of the working class I will repeat that I am in favour of workers control and the elimination of non-productive social classes etc. But I must say that generally when I am lectured about the class struggle /war etc., I feel I am stuck with someone in a 19th century time warp.

I, myself, find myself more inclined to agree with the Anarchist Communism of the Murray Bookchin's of this world as opposed to the Alex Berkman's although I recognise (I hope) the weaknesses and strengths of both. If you have read Bookchin I am sure you will understand me if you haven't I shall try to summarise him.

Bookchin in my way of thinking feels that the traditional view that the liberation of the working classes is the job sole-

and supply each other, and ultimately become independent enough to say "piss off" to the hush of the old regime, was vital. If Anarchism is ever going to be achieved, can it be brought about by a sudden vague, distant - future event labelled a "Revolution" - however uncomfortable?

The real revolution is going on now, and the contribution of people setting up devices for alternative living should not be ignored. They are also at the sharp end, doing the hard bits, in providing the rest of us with somewhere to go when the last copper has been gently but firmly relieved of his bit of lead pipe. It's down to us, who profess some belief in Anarchism to learn from their mistakes, and give them what support we can.

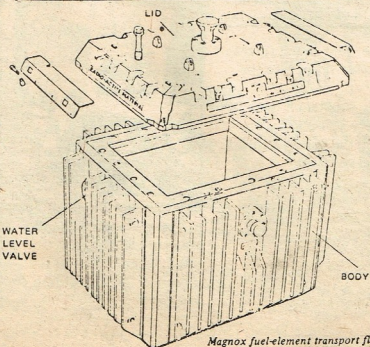
Bob Lann,
Nottingham Anarchist Group.



Dear Bread & Roses,

Your flat 'NO' to the question of whether the setting up of workers co-operatives is a contribution to the formation of an Anarchist society is perplexing. You rightly point out that all co-op's, communes, and collectives operate in the very society they are trying to change, and list their other widely recognised defects.

But I should have thought that the construction of an expanding network of such groups which could eventually support

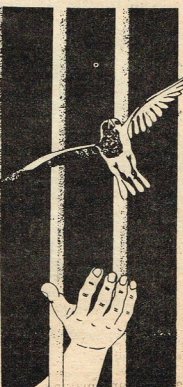


Magnox fuel-element transport flask.

ly of the working classes is not so sacred as many on the left would appear to believe. He argues that the dialectic (primarily Marxist) which explains the change from one class society to another, cannot be applied to the transformation of a class society into a non-class society. For a non-class society to be reached, a non-class must be wrought within the old structure who will act as catalysts for change (I myself feel that these ideas are not so new as they appear. Certain elements can be found in Bakunin's writings).

The big question then for me is what is the ACA's view of the class struggle? How 'sacred' are the older views to you? and to what extent may people join the ACA who do not hold traditional views but perhaps have sympathy with the type of theory I have outlined?

I look forward to hearing from you on this question. I hope I don't sound too theoretical and anarchistic but I am still interested in joining the ACA but as I am sure you will agree the aim of the ACA is to bring people together with the same/ similar ideas; for this to be done people must air their ideas. All the best,
Neil.



Bread & Roses

BATTERSEA: ANOTHER BRICK IN THE WALL?

THREE in the morning, floodlights put up, the ball and chain demolition man starts work. The target — a mural of over 200 feet in length and up to 18 feet high!

It took about five hours to knock down the most valuable section. McGee's demolition cowboys took just that long to smash thousands of hours of painting work by over 60 local people.

It was recognised by the busmen's garage as 'about the only good thing in the area', and they should know — it was across the road from them. Generally, affection was not just from the painters themselves.

ROAD CLOSED

At 8 that same morning, artist Brian Barnes got a phone call from a friend. That was the first he knew about the demolition. He rushed down, scaled a remaining bit of wall, and then the trouble began.

The McGee firm employed 'cowboys', workers not unlike Western cowboys, who would be offered good



Mr Cube — not always just Tate & Lyle's (they have a smelly factory in Battersea) — originally thought up as the ruling class symbol of opposition to post-war nationalisation.



McGee's ball shown crashing through a remaining bit of wall.

to sneak the work right. This bearded st stood between them overtime pay, so they

of these went much further and rattled down into the road.

This was taken over by the angry and protesting painter, the police closed the road to traffic. ... June 6th, Derby Day, it stayed that way and HM the Queen had to take another route to the races at Epsom.

Eventually the police managed an arrest, then Brian suffered the fate of all those 'helping the police with their enquiries', but not until evening.

Walla Walla Guards Riot, Rape Carl Harp

On the night of July 8, prison guards at the Washington State Penitentiary at Walla Walla have had all the makings of a torture chamber. The Intensive Security Unit where prisoners are kept all day long in cells no bigger than the average bathroom; the Behavior Modification Unit where prisoners are beaten with straps, tied down to beds until they piss on themselves, and drugged until they are zombies; the 'parole hearings' where the fact that you looked at a guard cross-eyed means continued imprisonment. This kind of treatment inevitably means that something is going to blow up.

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founding member of Men Against Sexism, a multinational prisoners' organization that fought for the rights of gay prisoners. Harp was one of three prisoners who took 10 hostages in May, demanding a federal investigation of the prison. Harp's life has been threatened before, but this time the guards felt they had the ability to carry it out. The politics of the attack were clear. Harp says: 'I was shocked when they raped me — I couldn't believe it. The pain was beyond words and then they beat me until I was in a daze and could feel no pain, calling me a political prisoner and a jailhouse lawyer.'

They will still be trying to kill Carl Harp. He has been transferred to San Quentin. This is where George Jackson was assassinated. Harp needs support.



Carl Harp

MORGAN GREED

So why did McGee's start demolishing the wall? Well, they do not work for free! Their paymasters were multinational firm Morgan Crucible. Morgans gave



Sir Charles Forte of Trust Houses Forte on the dangerous old dipper in the old funfair. They never got their greasy palms on the park.

permission for the painting with no suggestion of it being so short lived.

They did not like what the mural showed. ... Its design was done after consultation with local people and as it got under way, the office blocks, concrete high rise flats and old factories were shown being swept away — including Morgan's factory!

What replaced them was houses with gardens, small industry, leisure playgrounds and a swimming pool — oh, and a routemaster bus.

With plenty of locals ready to defend that message, Morgans had to sneak-attack at night.

Spite was, however, second to profit and the wall separated the company from a large GLC-owned site, which together with their factory site they intended to develop speculatively for offices and luxury flats — just what the broom was sweeping away.

HOPE YET

At present the demolition continues. The cowboys are setting up such a dust that downwind the houses and flower borders are thick with it. When dynamiting a chimney, which had asbestos lining, there was a

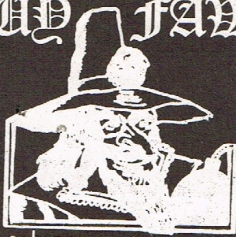
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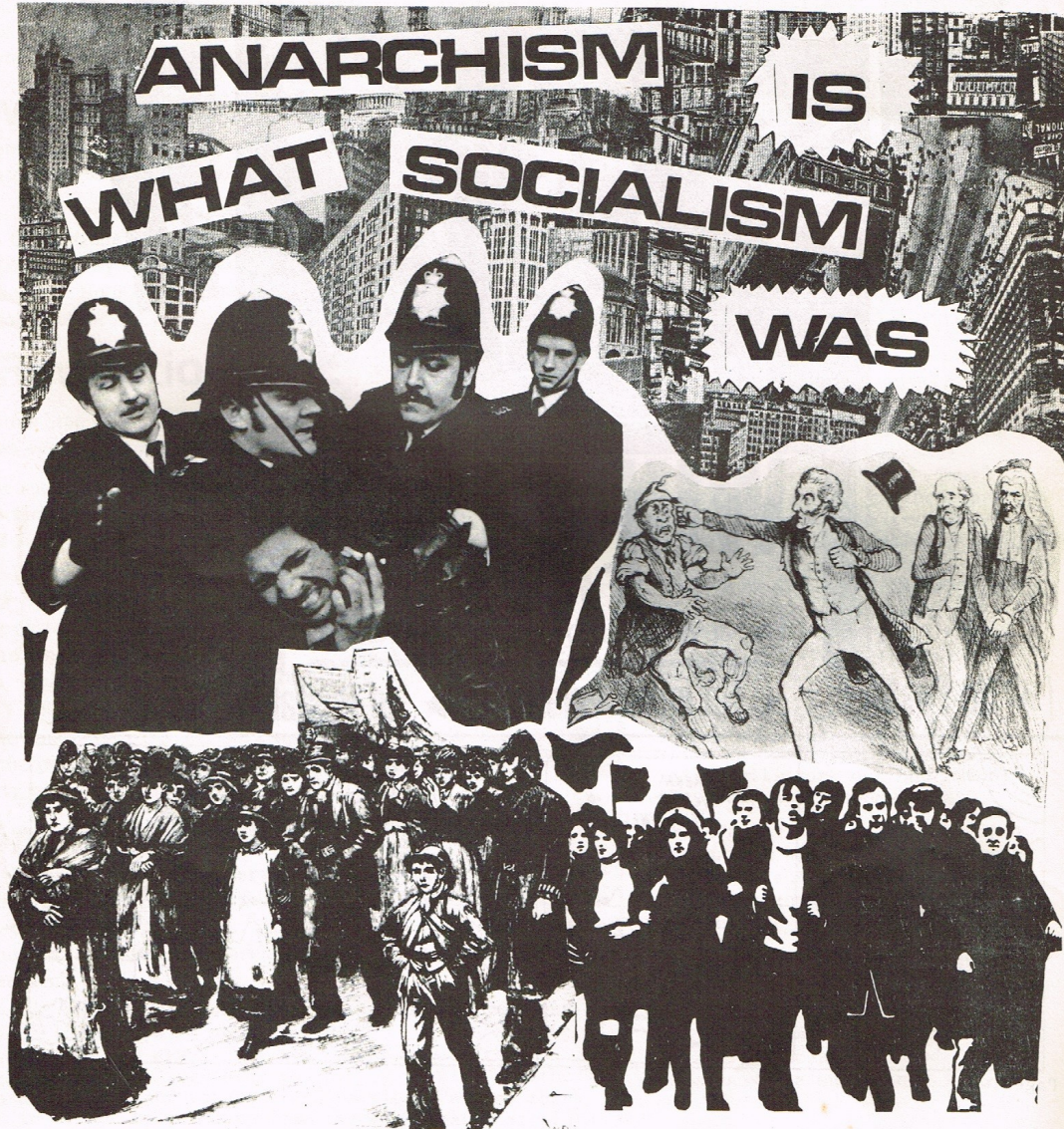
A London Transport route-master with busmen's portraits

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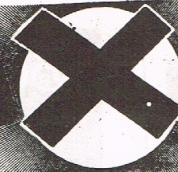
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WHAT WE STAND FOR

Freedom And Equality

The Anarchist Communist Association exists to fight for a free and equal society in which people control their own lives.

Society would be planned so that people give what they can and get what they need. In place of government there would be a network of workplace and community councils.

Revolution Not Reform

The courts and parliament, police and army, exist to protect the interests of the rich and powerful.

We know from experience that it is useless to try and reform these institutions by electing representatives to parliament. Neither can they be captured and used in our interests after a revolution. Both simply lead to swapping one form of exploitation for another.

A Revolution Of Everyday Life

Relationships now are based on domination and submission: bosses over workers, men over women, adults over children.

We seek to change all of this. We seek not just an economic revolution but one that also frees us in our social and personal relationships.

Direct Action

The way to build for revolution is through direct action. This means ignoring official ways of protesting such as general elections. Instead, tactics such as occupying factories and squatting empty houses should be used.

It also means making sure that every struggle is controlled by the people concerned and not, for example, by full-time party or union officials.

Organisation

Organisation is necessary because it breaks down our individual isolation, helps us to share our experiences, and to co-ordinate our activities. In this way, each thread of resistance can be gradually woven into a tapestry of revolution and freedom.

The above is an extract from the Anarchist Communist Association's 'Aims And Principles'. We are a group of people who are drawn together by the belief that anarchists have something to gain by working together on a national and international scale. We also think it important to get away from the idea that anarchists are all extreme individualists who reject the ideas of organisation and class struggle.

WHAT IS BREAD & ROSES ?

The title of our paper was taken from a slogan used by ~~women~~ textile workers during a long and bitter strike. They said, "We don't just want more bread, we want roses too."

Poverty and starvation are still are still the vilest crimes of the rich and powerful, but our glimpse of the 'affluent society' has shown us that the food is dry and tasteless without freedom to enjoy it.

So the slogan is a call to end economic inequality and political control from above.

THE OLD BREAD AND ROSES?

BREAD & ROSES used to be called "the paper of the Anarchist Communist Association. They now feel it should be the paper of the wider anarchist-communist movement and accountable to them.

The aim of the paper is still to get anarchist ideas across to ordinary working people (whoever they may be) rather than other anarchists and lefties

So any individual or group who shares this aim, can 'adopt' the paper as their own. Contact us and we will work out how to share the power and responsibility.

The ACA has also started an open discussion bulletin which aims to discuss practical ways of sharing our experiences and making our action more effective.

It is definitely not an abstract theoretical waffle sheet.

All individuals and groups should at least discuss the need for a paper and the bulletin.

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revolutionary force

Children are a bloody nuisance

Children are the enemies of alienation. They don't fit into schedules. Doctors and nurses draw up timetables for looking after babies and then parents feel inadequate because the babies don't conform. Childcare is a drag on women not only because it's done in isolation but because it always has to be done against the clock, to fit in with shop hours, men's or their own job hours, school hours, clinic hours, bank hours, post office hours, welfare hours, and its impossible.

No matter how many day cares they set up and how much maternity leave they introduce, children's needs will always be in conflict with bureaucrats' and bosses' needs; children will always be an obstacle to achieving those things which are so highly valued, and often economically necessary, in this society.

Whatever we think in principle, the left joins with capitalism in rewarding childlessness. Its politics are recreational, based on the male employee's schedule, since it was men who started the left, and we follow the same patterns today despite women's liberation — you go to meetings after hours and on weekends and you do things that cost quite a lot of money, like printing leaflets, because your money is yours to dispose of.

The issues concentrated on are mostly concerned with jobs or with comparatively remote things like frame-ups or foreign wars, seldom with the needs of families except as they relate to the wage-earner. Parents who can't get to meetings or who can't do their share of the leaflet producing, etc., or contribute money to the cause are made to feel like passengers.

Instead of the left seeing its childlessness as a weakness, it sees parents as insufficiently revolutionary or it just ignores them altogether. One woman writes (in support of abortion): "I don't think a single woman with kids is in a good position to be fighting the State." She offers revolutionary women the same choice as does capitalism: marriage/cohabitation or childlessness (dismissing communal childcare as something we haven't got yet) — only now it's imposed in the name of the revolution. She, like the rest of the left, doesn't know what fighting is. A single woman with kids is fighting the State with her very existence. The State hates her like poison. It stigmatizes her children, degrades her at the welfare office, labels her a social problem, and blames homelessness on "marriage breakdown" (society can't afford for women to have their own territory).

Staying Childless

The State can afford to liberate childless women as they'll always be the minority. You don't fight women's oppression by staying childless, you just lessen it. Of course a woman who doesn't want kids shouldn't have them just for political reasons, but neither should she tell those who do want them that it's unrevolutionary to have them.

The real reason why housewives (includ-



ing single parents on welfare or men who stay home while their wives have jobs) are dismissed by the left is that we are outside the power structure. No one in authority had to approve us for the job, we require no licence to do it (though plenty would like to introduce it, and the State's power to steal children is a negative kind of licence), we can organize our own work without a supervisor.

I think we should organize more private communal child care instead of pressuring for more State or industrial day care, which are not the same as "community child care," although some leftists talk as though they were. Institutionalized day care that frees parents to join the alienated work force really isn't freedom for women, men or our children. It's freedom for robots.

What we should do is try to bring work patterns into harmony with child care. That means more self-employment, job-sharing, part-time and casual work, growing your own and doing it yourself to cut down on wages needed, going to the land — squatting if it's necessary; everything, in fact, which is liberatory.

Power Politics

The hard left considers all these things irrelevant, and self-employment down right reactionary. In this, as in the matter of children, it shares the values of capitalism which weights everything—respectable status, benefits, opportunities—in favour of the long-term, full-time employee and makes others feel almost like criminals (which they literally are in Communist countries). The hard left is composed of power-oriented people who identify with union leaders and

commissars even when they theoretically disapprove of them; after their sort of revolution they would just be union leaders under a different name and they don't like intractable human material.

Whatever their politics, most low-grade workers hate work and you're much more likely to encourage this natural source of revolutionary energy by offering the hope of some life and freedom now than by fantasizing about mass occupations, general strikes and revolutions 20 years in the future.

Communes and the like are justly derided when they consist of rich, leisured people who have no trouble buying houses and land, and imagine that their example will inspire the State to dissolve itself and the ruling class to give up their excess property without a fight. It's much harder for poor people to form communes—the State's housing policy shows that it's aware of the revolutionary potential of communes and the repressive power of marriage. But we must start and are starting to do it, by squatting and treating council estates as communes. This makes it easier to survive on less wages and without child care which is alienated, inconvenient and inadequate (no evening and weekend care).

We should make our politics revolve around our daily lives, not restricted to after-job hours. (Every couple knows that when a meeting or demonstration is on, it's the person who stays home with the kids who's working, making a sacrifice, and the person who participates in the so-called struggle who's having a good time.) We should reject the bureaucratic politics taken up most typically by those who don't mess up their lives with anything so untidy and uncontrollable as children.

(This is a condensed version of an article written by Mme de Stael in the British magazine *Anarchy*, "Children are a Bloody Nuisance/Revolutionary Force")



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THE RIGHT TO WORK?

Whenever unemployment is discussed two things are certain. One that numbers will be quoted. Two that the discussion will end with a call to the government to do something. Like injecting several thousand million pounds to help "reflate the economy."

The number of people unemployed quoted officially is a considerable underestimate. It's really the number of people registered as unemployed. For example, because they are not entitled to benefit many women do not register. The true number of unemployed could easily be 2½ million.

If the government do reflate the economy later this year, they will be trying to make British industry as 'efficient' and profitable as possible. As they are running an economic system based on financial profit and the kind of 'efficiency' that goes with it, they have no choice about their priorities. If anyone is being made redundant as a result of new manufacturing methods being introduced to 'rationalise' production they have

first hand proof that 'efficiency' and jobs do not always go together.

When unemployment started to rise the Trade Union leaders issued grave warnings about what would happen if the number of unemployed reached ½ million... 1 million... 1½ million. The government pledged it would do everything in its power to keep the jobless total down. The opposition attacked the government for its position on unemployment. Those out of work are used as a political football to be kicked around by government, opposition, TU leaders, and assorted political factions.

A reduction in the working week with no reduction in pay could make a real impact on unemployment. It would give us more leisure time as well. The advantages to us are obvious. But most employers would feel that such a socially desirable proposal was against their interests, - some 'persuasion' will be needed.

Proposals are put forward for import controls. The arguments for controls might sound attractive.

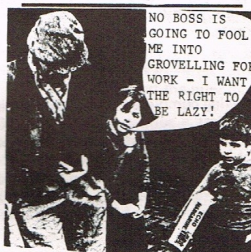
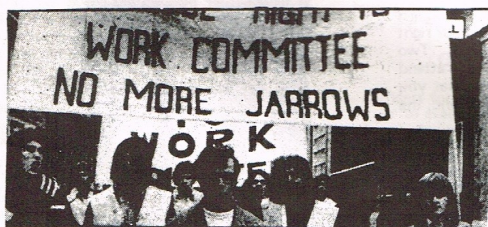
Won't they save jobs, particularly in industries where there is fierce foreign competition? But what happens when other governments retaliate?

But imagine we could have (literally) 'full employment' or 'the right to work'. It would mean that from the time people left school or college to the time that they retired most people would be guaranteed a job that bored them, a job that they had no control over, often a job that was totally purposeless or even harmful - just to get enough money to allow them to live.

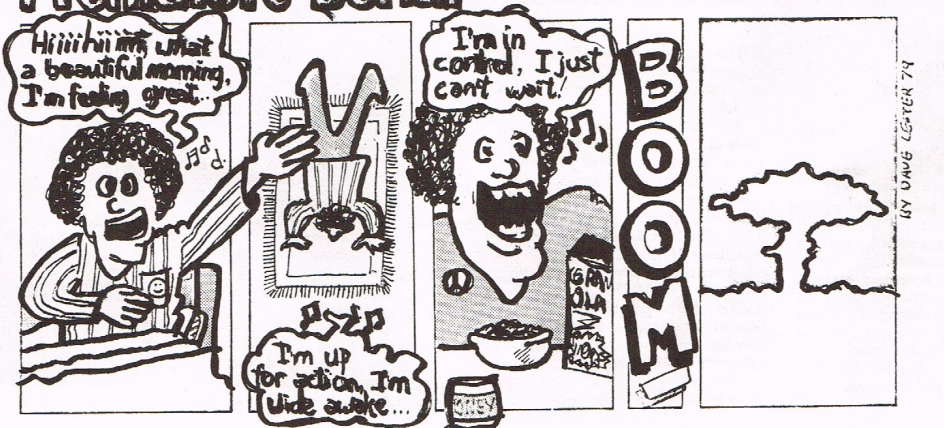
Because of this society's artificial and unfair division of labour between the sexes, the experience of men and women when unemployed is usually very different. Women, when they are laid off, usually find they have plenty to do. Before, they had two jobs. One - called 'work' - which they got paid for. And one - called 'housework' and 'looking after the family' - which they didn't get paid for. After being made redundant they still find themselves 'in work' at their second job. For men it's different. They find out how much work dominated their lives, they feel useless and even ashamed, as if it was their own fault. They are suffering from the results of a social system which has told them that their main purpose in life is to work - and then can't even guarantee work for them.

If people can avoid being trapped by shame and depression there are many possibilities, from making use of free recreational facilities such as libraries to organising together with other unemployed people in Claimants Unions, which not only overcome the isolation of unemployed people but also help ensure they receive the benefits they are entitled to.

When it comes down to it the only bad feature of unemployment you can't abolish by people uniting together is the lack of a reasonable standard of living. The profit dominated economy cannot guarantee satisfying work or a reasonable standard of living. We need to start thinking about how to break out of its restrictions. The work of the Lucas Aerospace Combine Shop Stewards Committee in producing their 'alternative' plan for Lucas is one extremely worthwhile initiative. We need to create a whole economy where people can express themselves through creative work which is useful for themselves and for people in general. We want more than a guaranteed 50 years on the treadmill!



Premature Burial



REGIMENT

Two ex-soldiers write about their experiences in the Army. These days the daily papers are full of adverts to lead an adventurous life and go places. Young workers are clutched out of the dole queues, to be sent over to Ireland to do the British government's dirty work. Day to day life in the Army is something quite different from the State propaganda, as these accounts show.

I like many other fools in recent years decided that the only way for me to be able to escape and see the world was to join the Army. Well in the next few lines I hope to be able to inform you of some of the class and social struggles encountered whilst in the Army.

Within the first few weeks from applying to join and finding out that you have been accepted you are treated courteously by all the staff at the recruiting office. Then suddenly you're in and bang! all the courtesy disappears: you are no longer called by your first name as had been the case up till then; instead there's a multitude of comments doubting the validity of the marital status of your parents.

SLAVERY

After having completed your basic training you are at last a soldier — or are you? On arriving at your regiment, you are given one of several jobs which last up to six months, one of which is Officer's Batman or should I say slave. Slave is what it is — cleaning the officer's boots, washing his dirty underwear and such like.

Well that sort of thing went out with the end of slavery in the 19th century or so I thought, but then I was in the Army and not supposed to think for myself. I just had to do what my 'betters and superiors' told me, regardless of what it was.

OFFICERS AND THEIR LADIES

The 'betters and superiors' aspect of Army life didn't end there. Even at Regimental Dances and Buffets it was always 'Officers and their Ladies' and 'other ranks and their women', with few exceptions in the authoritarian hierarchy of the place.

On joining the Army or any other branch of the Armed Forces, you give up your right to freedom of choice and speech. Two examples of this are regular parades to attend Church, and the inability to say what you think of such things as Northern Ireland, the monarchy and so on.

Most of the people who join in my opinion fit into two categories:-

- 1 Those who lose the ability to think and act on their own.
- 2 Those who rebel and are eventually discharged from the force.

In closing may I say as an ex-squaddie that I avidly read the Soldiers' Supplement in 'Wildcat' and was astounded by the blatant inaccuracy of it. It appeared to have been written by an ex-Public Schoolboy who was in the Cadet Force or something. To take just one example, Thompson sub-machine



Mayday : Origins

MAY 1 1886 saw 340,000 workers striking all over the United States demanding an 8-hour day.

In Chicago alone, 80,000 came out and here a number of anarchist militants agitated inside the labour movement.

The following Monday, the police fired on strikers at the McCormick Harvester works and six workers were killed.

The next day a protest meeting was broken up by the police. In the ensuing melee, a bomb was thrown at the police, killing one outright and fatally wounding seven others.

Evidence came to light later that the bomb had been thrown by a police agent.

The bosses, however, used this incident to victimise leading working class militants and attempt to break the labour movement.

After a farcical trial, with a jury made up of businessmen, their clerks, and a relative of a dead policeman, four anarchists were hanged, another committing suicide before sentence could be passed.

In 1888, the American Federation of Labour continued the 8-hour day movement with May 1 as a day of action.

The Paris conference of the Second International in 1890 fixed Mayday as an international day of solidarity for the 8-hour day.

That year, demonstrations took place all over Europe and America.

Ninety years after the Chicago demonstration, where are we? the murder of five anarchist workers is conveniently forgotten.

Just another institution, just another great yawn.

Mayday, once a day on which the working class displayed its strength and organisation and its spirit

In Moscow every year, hundreds of tanks and ballistic missiles are paraded through the streets to demonstrate the might of Russian imperialism and the power of the state bureaucracy over the workers and peasants of the USSR.

In many countries of the West, Mayday has become just another public holiday.

Trade union bureaucrats and the social democrats make the usual empty and meaningless speeches about 'socialism', while the revolutionary origins of Mayday and internationalism, is now just a sentimental ritual to disguise the betrayals of the union leaders and



May Day Parade, Eglinton Toll, Glasgow

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guns which the writer claimed he was using in the mid-sixties, went out after World War Two!

Ex-squaddie, Royal Engineers

I was 17 years old. A working class boy with a spirit of adventure and a healthy fear of both the pit and the dole queue. Since these were the only alternatives open to someone with no 'O' levels, I allowed my relatives to talk me into joining the Army. After all, the Army offered me a chance to escape from home and enjoy a measure of freedom (or so I thought).

ILLUSIONS

My illusions about Army life were soon shattered by the reality of basic training. This is a process which is at best degrading and at worst soul destroying. It seems to be designed to destroy a person's individuality and self respect.

This is so that the previously free individual can be Brain Washed into becoming a Robot-like creature incapable of any thoughts which are not placed in his head by the Establishment.

The only saving graces of this process are that a) it is never 100% effective, and b) the training tends to develop the body (if not the brain).

Out of a training platoon of 47 at one stage, only 20 of us 'passed out' as trained soldiers. This was a 'failure' rate of over 60%. Only stubbornness and a determination to prove my instructors wrong, when they said 'I would never make it', carried me through this period.

So I became a 'Trained Soldier' and was posted to a rifle company in an Infantry Battalion. All through training I had been told that 'things would be better' when I joined my Battalion. The only obvious difference was that the Army's repressive discipline was more covert in operation. It tended to masquerade behind a light hearted camaraderie between Officers and Men (ie bourgeoisie and workers).

The impression thus given to the outsider is one of good natured class collaboration. Nothing could be further from the truth. Many squaddies view with disgust the glaring inequalities which exist between the Officer class and themselves.

QUEEN'S RULES

Officers for instance use their positions of power to evade the more irksome and petty aspects of military discipline; haircutting etc. Their reaction to the same show of individuality in an O/R (other rank) is to crush him immediately with the full weight of Queens Rules and Regulations — a book, incidentally, from which it is an offence for

a squaddie to quote in his own defence.

In fact when I was 'in' I was even refused access to the copy of Q/R's kept in the Company office. So you can be charged with 'Failing to Comply' with regulations which you are not supposed to know. Now that makes sense doesn't it! To them it does. After all, it is nonsensical, one-sided legalities such as this which preserve the bourgeois officer class in their privileged position.

The ordinary squaddie rightly or wrongly, knowingly or otherwise, has signed away his right of free speech. In effect, all his 'inalienable' civil liberties have been transformed into 'privileges' and as such can be instantly taken away in order to oppress him and keep him in his 'place'.

It is the duty of the working class to come out strongly in favour of the self-organisation of rank and file soldiers, and the building of links with strong sections of workers. Remember, soldiers can't demand this for themselves, as they would be laying themselves open to disciplinary sanctions, charges of mutiny, etc.:

Squaddies are working class too!

Ex-squaddie, Cheshire Regiment

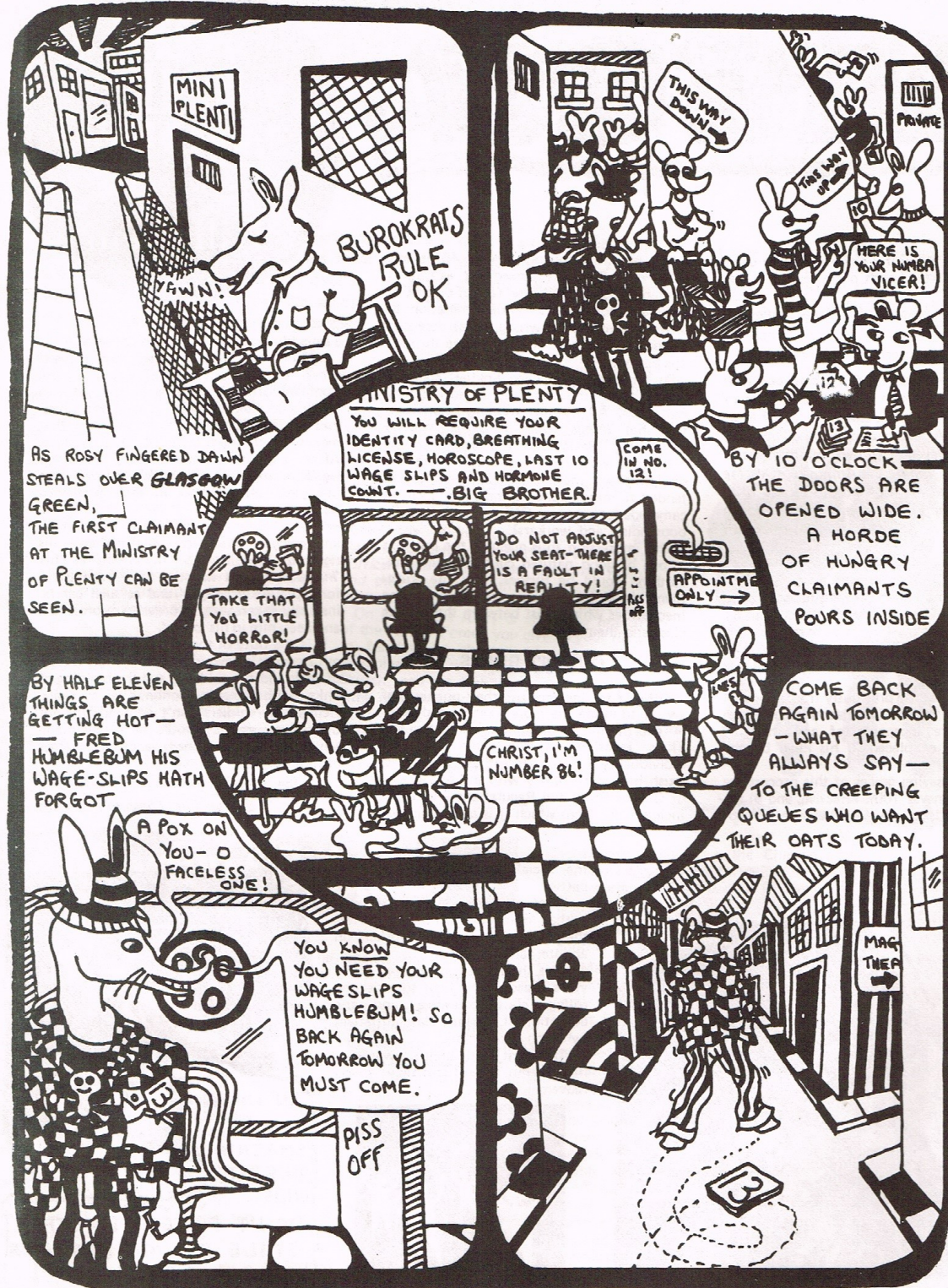
the social-democratic and Stalinist parties.

What is important about Mayday is that 'once upon a time' there was the show of strength by workers on an international level.

This should be remembered in the years ahead, as we fight to resist the ruling class offensive and the co-option of working class initiatives by union bureaucrats.

To resist and build towards a libertarian revolutionary mass movement.





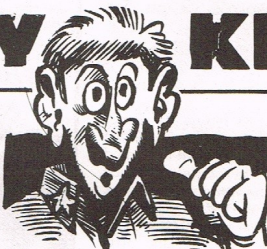
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YOU HOW TO TELL HALF
YOUR WORK FORCE THAT
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And now, here's the questionnaire. We advise using a pencil, since these are by no means easy questions, and your party will not be able to alter the positions taken here without seriously damaging your credibility among the workers.

1. The Russian Revolution turned away from socialism in:

- ☐ (a) 1917
- ☐ (b) 1927
- ☐ (c) 1953
- ☐ (d) 1957
- ☐ (e) It hasn't yet, but my group will be the first to denounce it when it does.
- ☐ (f) Other (please specify):

2. Black people are:

- ☐ (a) A nation
- ☐ (b) A nation of a new type
- ☐ (c) A superexploited sector of the working class
- ☐ (d) Petit-bourgeois
- ☐ (e) A colony
- ☐ (f) Please send me more information about this controversial group.

3. The main danger facing the workers' vanguard in the present epoch is:

- ☐ (a) right opportunism
- ☐ (b) "left" sectarianism
- ☐ (c) right opportunism masking as "left" sectarianism
- ☐ (d) my parents
- ☐ (e) Other (please specify):

4. Rather than focusing only on narrow economic issues, my party will also offer a cultural critique of life in advanced capitalist civilization. The following are symptoms of capitalist decadence:

- ☐ (a) homosexuality
- ☐ (b) Trotskyism
- ☐ (c) pornographic movies
- ☐ (d) recent price increases in pornographic movies
- ☐ (e) Other (please specify):

5. I would like to include the following in the title of my party:

- ☐ (a) Labor
- ☐ (b) Workers
- ☐ (c) Revolutionary
- ☐ (d) Socialist
- ☐ (e) Communist
- ☐ (f) Vanguard
- ☐ (g) Progressive
- ☐ (h) October (November)
- ☐ (i) United
- ☐ (j) International
- ☐ (k) M
- ☐ (l) L

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Vallium-The Opium of the People

BY 1971 prescriptions for barbiturates in Britain reached twenty million per year, for phenythiozine tranquillisers, six million; for amphetamines, five million; for non-barbiturate hypnotics, five million.

Since 1971 these figures have increased considerably, together with a vast increase in drug dependency, in adverse side effects, in hospitalisation for overdosage and in accidental and suicidal deaths.

The pharmaceutical industry is one of the fastest growing industries today.

The profits of the drug companies are enormous: the total turnover of drug sales in 1971 has been estimated conservatively at sixteen billion dollars, with the leader of the pack being a Swiss firm, Hoffman la Roche, doing a turnover in 1971 of one thousand two hundred and fifty million dollars.

The cost of producing drugs is minimal but the main areas of expenditure lie in research and marketing.

It is estimated that drug companies spend about 15% of the total amount received by sales on research.

However, much of the 'research' is the low risk type, since it is directed at producing new patents out of combinations of old drugs which are then marketed with the help of aggressive advertising techniques.

The profits therefore cannot be anything but enormous.

Third World

Perhaps the most horrific manifestations of monopoly capitalism are reflected in the activities of the drug companies in the Third World since they not only direct attention away from real health problems but actually create more problems, as was the case in Europe with thalidomide.

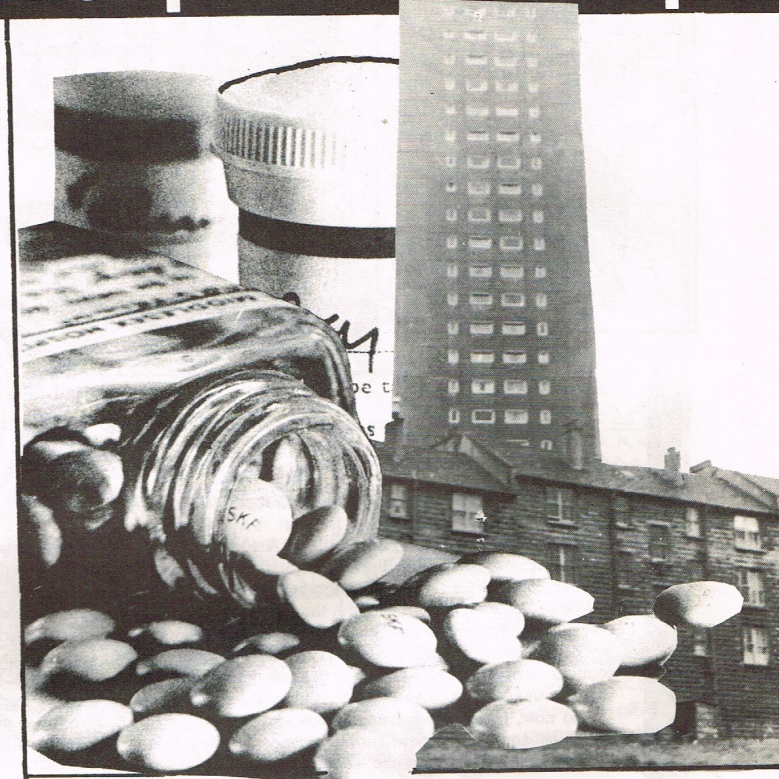
Drugs are not the answer to malnutrition and diseases resulting from inadequate diet and poor sanitation, yet they are prescribed widely at enormous cost and under no controls.

In general, prices for drugs in India, for example, are 350% higher than the average European price.

Women

The number of women on prescribed mood-affecting drugs far exceeds that of men.

Women, particularly unmarried



women, comprise the largest group of psychiatrically hospitalised and 'treated' Britons today.

Modern society isolates women in the home and defines the reality of her oppression as a disease or neurosis to be treated or cured by drugs alone.

The feminist psychologist Mary Mannes has defined destructive anxieties as a result of "the pressures of society and mass media to make women conform to the classic and traditional image in men's eyes.

They must not only be the perfect wife, mother and home maker, but the ever young, ever slim, ever alluring object of man's desires.

Deluge

Every woman is deluged daily with urges to obtain this impossible state.

The real danger is success - the anxieties engendered by this quest are relentless, degrading and corroding, while legitimate anxiety - am I being true to myself as a human being? - is submerged in trivia and self deception."

Once the destructive anxieties are created, women naturally tend to turn to experts for help and are then confronted with the male-dominated chauvinistic medical profession.

Women are usually introduced to drugs by their own physicians who often recklessly prescribe diet pills, tranquillisers, anti-depressants and sedatives.

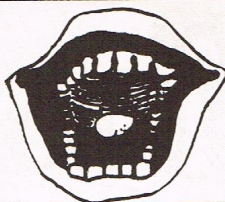
This is for two reasons. The first is the tendency for busy doctors to write out a quick drug prescription rather than spend time finding out what's wrong with a patient.

The second is the success of the drug companies in persuading the medical profession to accept chemical solutions to health problems, even emotional ones.

The biggest abuse is in mental hospitals where patients are perpetually drugged into complete apathy, often with permanent after effects.

Physicians usually see themselves as healers to poor, helpless women, but are in fact the middle men in the highly exploitative and aggressive drug industry.

AXE TO GRIND



QUESTION THE QUESTIONER!

I have just started my teachers training at Jordanhill College. After only three weeks I have got the message - we have progressed from the bad old days of rote learning and authoritarian teachers.

However, there is no doubt in my mind that the new 'open plan' progressive education is just as repressive as ever it was.

If you went into the classroom of a modern primary school, you would be surprised how attractive and interesting the place is. Even the infant classes have their own libraries with baby armchairs close by.

The kids no longer sit staring in silence at the back of someones head. Now the kids sit round tables in friendly looking groups.

The walls are covered with attractive displays and visual aids.

Students at the college are constantly told how important it is to get the kids interested and involved in the lesson.

Theoretically, lessons are to be based on the child's own experience & background, but when it comes to teaching practice I learned what a fake this is.

Teachers still see it as their duty to teach working class kids to accept middle class values and behaviour.

The emphasis is still on getting the kids to do what the teacher thinks is important and not what the kids are really interested in.

The kids still sit bored while the teacher goes rambling on.

Mere lip service is paid to the idea of pupil involvement. What this means in practice is that the teacher asks the kids questions to make sure they are still listening.

In Primary I, the kids take the game seriously and try hard to give good answers to the teachers questions.

Often it happens that there is more than one good answer to a certain question, but the kids soon learn that the only right answer is the teachers answer.

By Primary IV the kids do their best to avoid answering questions if they can - except for the 'articulate', middle class kids who speak the teachers language.

Surely, good education should be based on encouraging the kids to

ASK questions, not just to answer them.

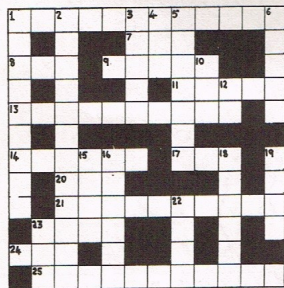
This is a vital distinction. The whole education system is steeped in this hypocrisy.



The important thing is not genuine curiosity and educational enquiry. What is important is testing and examination.

In this way the education system legitimises middle and upper class privilege and cons the working class into thinking they are fit for nothing but their lowly position in society.

CROSSWORD



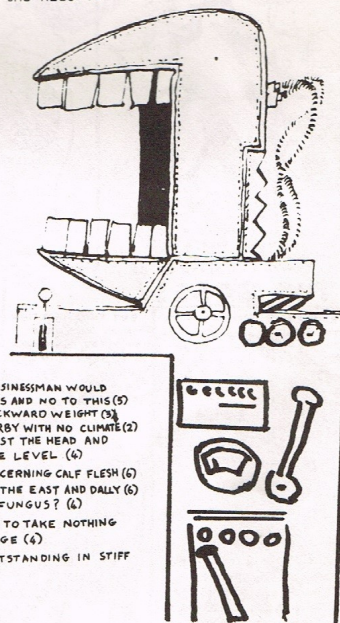
ACROSS

1. THE AMERICAN CAR HAS A FRENCH NAME - LOUSY IN ORDER TO GOVERN ONE'S OWN LIFE (12)
7. EITHER WAY, IT'S PULP FOR INFANTS (3)
8. AT SCHOOL, THE CAT SAT ON IT (3)
9. SOUNDS LIKE A BOLSHY BEATLE (5)
11. SOUNDS LIKE A PRIZE-WINNING ARISTOCRAT (5)
13. LOST DIARY BUT GAINED ONE FOR UNITY AND SUPPORT (10)
14. WOULD THE ASSISTANT SURGEON DO THIS IN N. IRELAND? (6)
17. LOONY IN THE TEACHER'S UNION (3)
20. HAIL TO CAESAR OR MARIA (3)
21. OVERTHROW THE SYSTEM IN TURN (6)
23. WELL, THIS PENALTY HAS TO BE PAID (6)

24. WE UNDERSTAND THE 20TH LETTER IS A REFRESHMENT (3)
25. SEND VALENTE'S MEN INTO BONDAGE (11)

DOWN

1. DELEGATION FOLLOWS A SMALL PUBLIC NOTICE TO PAY ENTRY FEE (4)
2. A REPTILIAN OAT WITH A SLIPPED DISC ADVOCATES DICTATORSHIP (12)
3. MARK CERTAINLY HAD A FUNNY NIGHT HERE (5)
4. IN THIS SOCIETY HE'S THE BOSS (3)
5. NOT ALLOWED IN 2½ SOCIETY (7)



6. THE ORANGE BUSINESSMAN WOULD PERHAPS SAY YES AND NO TO THIS (5)
10. NEGATIVE BACKWARD WEIGHT (3)
12. NEAR WEATHERBY WITH NO CLIMATE (2)
15. NEVER UP, LOST THE HEAD AND THUS BECAME LEVEL (6)
16. TELL ALL CONCERNING CALF FLESH (6)
18. FLIRT ABOUT THE EAST AND DALLY (6)
19. NEW WAVE FUNGUS? (4)
22. AN IMPULSE TO TAKE NOTHING OUT OF ROUGE (4)
23. A CHARGE OUTSTANDING IN STIFF EELS (3)



'People pretend to be so enlightened about sex these days; they talk happily about copulation and such subjects, about adultery and homosexuality and lesbianism and abortions.

Never about masturbation, though. And yet masturbation is the commonest form of sex, and tossing off the cheapest and most harmless pleasure.' (The Hand Reared Boy by Brian Aldiss)

Ans so Aldiss goes on to describe the wanking life of his fictitious hero, Horry Strubbs, with a frankness that would probably make most of us choke if our best friend were to say over the first pint of the evening what a great wank he had last night. Of course, it would be alright if he were describing some 'great lay' or 'terrific ride' that he had - that is OK. But wanking? No

way. A wanker after all is probably one of the worst ways in which to insult a man (always a man, women it seems might be loads of things but they are never wankers) and the implication is obvious. Only fucking - presumably fucking between men and women - is acceptable sexual activity. Anything else is only for kids and those who can't do any better and if you're one of those then just keep quiet and don't embarrass the rest of us. Let us know when you're getting laid and then you can join the men.

Our manliness, our virility is measured not by the size of our pricks (though that helps) but by how often we get laid and how many fucks we can manage in the one night and it doesn't matter what the state of any relationship is - whether it's merely taking advantage of

one's partner, regarding them as little more than a piece of meat (bit of stuff, piece or ass etc) - no what matters, to the conventional bar room wisdom, is sheer physical performance.

The wanker, we are led to believe, is inadequate. He's the one who can't get laid, who can't score. "Not like me, I don't NEED to wank. I can pull chicks whenever I want." The wanker is therefore something less of a man than the rest of us.

The really depressing thing about such rubbish is that it works, it is accepted as true. Those of us who aren't getting laid regularly can see it what for what it is. We can see what a load of screwed up relationships surround us, can see that most sex talk is just so much bull shit. And yet ... this is the norm and therefore it is what we are forced to want. And

yet the wanker is condemned to silence and accepts the edification of himself as in some sense inadequate. It is a particularly vicious circle.

So if you haven't anything better to do this evening - and what could be better - have one off the wrist - and enjoy it. And remember the words of that great Chinese wit from the town of Wanking, 'Masturbation is counter revolutionary and plays into the hands of the reactionaries.' Good one, Chairman.

J ARTHUR

(Thoroughly recommended to all wankers - The Hand Reared Boy and A Soldier Erect, by Brian Aldiss - both available in paperback)

